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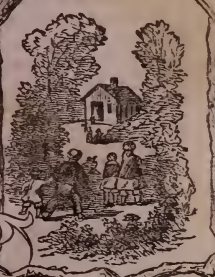
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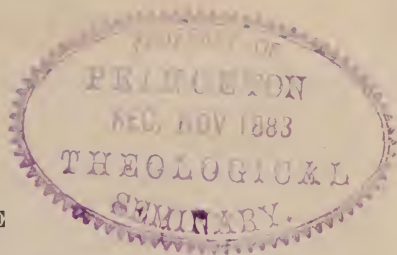
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BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

HOME MISSIONS AND THE NEW YEAR.

1873, with all its great events—its failures and successes—its joys and sorrows, has gone to be numbered with the years beyond the flood—1874, with issues untried and unknown, has begun. The Board of Home Missions can congratulate the Church on many new fields occupied and old ones sustained, and on the general prosperity of the work in its spiritual aspects. Yet it is sad to say that the New Year, owing to many causes, but chiefly to the great panic, finds the treasury more than \$65,000 in debt. The panic began just at the season when the churches usually begin to give largely to the cause. One result has been that the contributions in November were \$5000 less than in November of 1872. If this decrease continues to the meeting of the General Assembly an immense debt will have to be reported. But three months yet remain of the fiscal year to 31st March. Of the \$352,500 allotted to this Board by the last Assembly, only \$144,878.93 have been received (at this writing,) leaving \$207,622 to be raised, averaging over \$69,000 per month. This is a sum by no means beyond the ability of our 472,000 communicants and 482,762 children in Sabbath-schools. Although financial pressure is great, yet poverty has not overtaken us, but only the fear of it. There is not a dollar less of *money* in the country; the fear of losing it keeps it out of sight. There are over one thousand missionaries with their wives and children, dependent in part or wholly for support, on these contributions from God's people. Shall they be left to suffer and the work to languish? Dear brethren of the ministry and eldership, ask your churches this grave question, Will not our ministers and members, teachers and scholars in our Sabbath-schools, do something, or do something more than heretofore, to prevent these sufferings and discouragements? "Know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich."

CONGREGATIONAL AND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES IN THE SAME TOWNS.

Our consideration of this subject, in the November number of the *Record*, with regard to the State of Iowa, has called forth such expressions of interest from various and unexpected sources, that we have been constrained to extend our observations to two other Western States, namely, Illinois and Michigan.

In the former there are 241 Congregational churches, embracing 19,593 members; and 472 Presbyterian churches with 36,333 members.

There are 69 places in which there are both a Presbyterian and a Congregational church. These embrace, of course, the most of the largest towns in the State. Chicago has 12 Congregational churches, with 2,836 members, and 14 Presbyterian churches, with 2,980 members. The Congregationalists also have two churches at Galesburg, Rockford, and Aurora. The Presbyterians have also five churches at Jacksonville, the same number at Springfield and at Peoria; three at Galena, two at Quincy, and two at Rockford.

In 26 of these places both the Congregational and Presbyterian churches number 75 members, or over, thereby giving evidence of vigor and success. In such cases we may take it for granted that both organizations are doing good, and ought to be maintained.

There are three or four places in which the Presbyterians have over 75 members and the Congregationalists have less than 45, and the same number of places in which the Congregationalists exceed the Presbyterians in like manner. And there are 14 places in which neither church exceeds 60 members. In just one-half of these the Presbyterians outnumber the Congregationalists, and in the other half they do not.

In the State of Michigan there are 180 Congregational churches with 12,370 members, and 162 Presbyterian churches, with 13,188 members.

The Congregationalists have two churches in Detroit, Grand Rapids, and Kalamazoo. The Presbyterians have five in Detroit, two in Grand Rapids and Lansing.

The whole number of places where there are both Congregational and Presbyterian churches is only 23, and in *eleven* of these places both denominations have over 75 members, leaving only 12 in which either church comes below 75, and in 8 of these both churches have less than 60, and in 6 less than 40 members each, and, as in the other case, each denomination is in a majority in one-half of the places.

Thus we have in these two states 1055 churches in 1024 towns, in 55 of which only are there both Congregational and Presbyterian churches where one or both have less than 75 members.

In ten of these places one of these churches is comparatively strong, having over 75, and frequently over 100 members, and the other weak. One then is probably quite independent of the other, and the question of union must be looked at in that view. But there are 45 places in which both churches have less than 60 each.

If, then, we transfer the figures on Iowa in the November number of the *Record*, and add them to the above figures, we find 1618 churches located

in nearly 1600 places in the three states examined; in about 85 of which there are both a Presbyterian and a Congregational church having each less than 60 members.

Of this it may be said that this number is much smaller than most people, who had not examined the subject, would have believed. Still, is it not quite too large? Especially since most of these churches are missionary churches, and are drawing, and must continue to draw, aid from their respective Home Missionary Boards for many years to come, unless the towns in which they are located have an unusual growth.

How much better it would be for these eighty-five towns, if the two churches would unite and form one strong church, and employ and well support one pastor instead of two? The two congregations united would furnish ample field for the best powers of one man, and would also probably afford him ample support without Home Missionary aid. The whole field would tax and invigorate any man's powers of mind and heart; half of it would often only dwarf the mind, starve the body, and embitter the heart. Then the Home Missionary organizations need more money and more men. Make the two missionary churches one self-sustaining, vigorous church, thus relieving both from Home Missionary aid, and one pastor would be released for the regions beyond. So measurably, and most effectually would such an act help to furnish both more missionaries for the front and more funds for their support.

We hope that next year the Synods in all these States and others situated like them, and the Congregational Conferences or Associations, will each appoint committees of wise and sober-minded men, who shall, if possible, bring together these little churches, and with prayer and conference see if they cannot secure a union of the two churches; and if, while waiting together before God, the great things on which they agree shall draw them into an organic union, in spite of the few less important things on which they differ, would not the whole Church of God rejoice? But why wait till next year? If any feel themselves drawn to such a conference or such an union, there is no law, human or divine, to prevent it now. Let neither party hesitate to propose it; and let no man lift up his hand to oppose it.

WEEK OF PRAYER.

The object of this annual concert is to pray for the evangelization of the world as promised and foretold in the Holy Scriptures. In this service of supplication our own dear country should occupy a large place. The conversion of the world, under God, depends largely upon the Christians and churches of this country. It was the unanimous and urgent conviction and testimony of the foreign delegates to the late illustrious Evangelical Alliance, that, humanly speaking, the spread of the gospel among all nations depended upon this land; that the preservation and extension of civil and religious liberty, under God, was chiefly committed to our care, because the efforts for good of all other and older Christian nations were hindered by their present or prospective struggles; that as the ark of the covenant of the world's hope was

entrusted in a wonderful manner to our keeping, hence their earnest exhortations to diligence and fidelity. How urgent, then, the duty of believing and concerted prayer to God for the evangelization of this land! The importance of its preservation for the race, none but God can estimate.

We must impress this upon ourselves and our children. Had the Church thus exercised herself and her children to love and pray for their country as they ought during the generation from 1830 to 1860, what sorrows might not have been avoided, what calamities averted! Let the Church and her children be trained to love and pray for the salvation of the country, to labor and contribute to this end, lest still greater sorrows befall us.

This Week of Prayer furnishes an admirable help to such training. Let us bring our children with us, to this great concert of prayer for the land and the world. Like Israel at the Passover, let us recount in their hearing how "God has cast out the heathen and planted us as a vine out of Egypt." Let us pray that this land, and all lands, may speedily become Immanuel's.

OUR CHIEF NEED.

What is needed above all other things is a mighty awakening and turning of the people to God. "Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord." Let ministers and people, parents and children, cry, "O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy!" Our great danger is in looking too much to means and instrumentalities, and forgetting God, "who will not give his glory to another." The outpouring of the Holy Spirit, producing a general revival, will raise multitudes of earnest ministers for the Home and Foreign fields—will warm the love, increase the zeal, and enlarge the liberality of God's people. Nothing is so vitally important to the Church and the world in these eventful times as this promised and predicted outpouring of the Holy Ghost. Let this then be the one great cry to God during this world-wide Week of Prayer. To encourage to this, we may state that in all the reports from the one thousand Missions they either mourn the absence, or point to the tokens of His coming, or rejoice in His presence—reviving and comforting Christians, and convincing and converting sinners. It may be but the "little cloud out of the sea like a man's hand," yet it betokens abundance of rain.

SELF-DENYING.

"Something is also needed in another direction besides the church building. Mr. L— needs help in his living, and greatly needs it. His wife, a most excellent woman, a lady of culture and refinement, and not very strong physically, is keeping boarders to eke out their living. She has two little children that need her whole time after other household duties, but she is obliged to neglect them in some measure, and tax her strength unduly in order to live. The place is very expensive, as everything has to be carried so far on the railroad. Brother L— pays \$250 rent for a very moderate house, and then must crowd it with four boarders, taking up every corner of room. My heart is much moved for Brother L—, and I write to you, dear brother, to ask if it is possible to have something done for his help?"

Readers of the *Record*, can you not help the Board to assist its one thousand men in circumstances more or less similar.

GIFT OF A LITTLE BLIND GIRL.

Baltimore, November 2, 1873.

DEAR DOCTOR D—: At my request, father has written this note, inclosing the \$5 I have saved for the missionary cause, and he offered me \$5 more; but I said I had rather send what really was from my own savings, nevertheless he has insisted on my inclosing the additional \$5. These amounts appear very small compared to what the great cause needs, yet I hope and pray the Lord will bless them as coming from the willing heart of a little girl.

Pray for a little friend who has never forgotten you.

GRACE LEE.

OVERWORKED.

October 25, 1873.

Dear Brethren—This report closes the eighth year of my connection with the Board. I now take leave of it, at least for the present. My health has been poor for a year and more. My people have given me two vacations in that time, the first of two months last fall, the second of a month and a half this summer. My last vacation was spent in travelling in the Lake Superior regions, my church furnishing me money with which to travel. But it seems all will not do. My brain and nervous system are so exhausted that cessation from mental labor seems to be requisite. The physicians and my friends recommend me to desist from preaching. It is with deep regret I have come to the conclusion to leave this charge. It is my first church, and I hoped to continue with it.

It is matter for gratitude that I leave the church in a more prosperous condition than it has been in since my connection with it. The prospect was never more encouraging than at the time when I am forced to leave. Our communion is next Sabbath, and we expect some additions. Since my last report we received two members, regarded as important accessions—ladies of standing and wealth. I hope, if aid is asked for this field to aid in supporting a minister, the Board will see fit to grant all that is asked, as it *always* has done hitherto.

I expect to return to my former home in Ohio. I shall leave as soon as possible, as cold weather is coming on.

Thanking the Board for all its kindness,

I remain very truly, &c.

J. M. R.

SCATTERED SHEEP.

The following extract from a letter of one our missionaries shows the loss often sustained by the scattering of our people in new settlements, and also the call for self-denying itinerating ministers to seek these wanderers in the wilderness.

“Scattered Sheep.

“During the last quarter I have devoted considerable time, after preaching to my own people on the Sabbath, to exploring the country around me. I have found quite a number of Presbyterians who are in danger of being lost to our church. In one place I stumbled on eleven members of our church from Ohio, settled near each other. In another place seven families within three miles of each other who have been eleven years in Missouri, and were, before they came to Missouri, members of our church, but are now so thoroughly absorbed by the world, in pursuit of its wealth, that they are almost indifferent upon religious matters. Isolated families of Presbyterians can be found in almost every school district.

"I was urged to spend a Sabbath in many of the places I visited, and hold meetings through the week. My own field is too large already. I could not give a Sabbath. I promised to return and give them week services. If we had a good, active man, to take up the unexplored region, I doubt not but in a short time we could count many prosperous churches where our name is not now heard. It is very difficult for me to understand how Presbyterians from the Eastern States can come out here and settle down together in numbers of fourteen members, and remain from seven to fifteen years and make no effort to secure religious ordinances; and yet when a missionary, wandering about in search of lost Presbyterians, stumbles on them and preaches to them, telling them the same old story, they will with tears plead with him to do something for their spiritual welfare; but it is made difficult to understand how they can become so thoroughly secularized as to be indifferent about the whole matter. I must visit them again. I was sent by the Presbytery to visit a number of Presbyterians in Nodaway county, and if the way was open, organize them into a church. I visited them on the 17th of October, and organized a church of fifteen members and installed two elders—men who were elders in the East. I waited with them over Sabbath and dispensed our Lord's Supper. The new church is called 'Independence,' and will probably unite with the church at H——, under one pastor."

HOME MISSION APPOINTMENTS

MADE IN NOVEMBER, 1873.

- Rev. Hiram W. Lee, Laurens ch., N. Y.
 Rev. James Norris, Middletown ch., N. Y.
 Rev. Valentine Down, Alder Creek, Forestport and Deerfield chs., N. Y.
 Rev. Lewis F. Stearns, Norwood ch., N. J.
 Rev. George L. Hovey, Bamber ch., N. J.
 Rev. J. Howard, O'Brien, Wenona, Glassboro and Banker Hill chs., N. J.
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ALBANY.— <i>Albany</i> —Johnstown 54 86; Mariaville 12. <i>Champlain</i> —Au Sable Forks 14; Champlain 17; Malone, Ladies' Socy 75. <i>Troy</i> —Branswick 51 25; Cambridge 16 40; Fort Edward 30; Schaghticoke 62 20; Troy, Westminster 5; Troy, Woodside 120 457 71	3 70; Princeton (mon coll) 6 52; Viola 10; Woodhuil 16 454 02
BALTIMORE.— <i>Baltimore</i> —Baltimore 12th 25; Baltimore, Westmins er (of which a member 5) 104; Barton 19; Mt Airy (Harmony) 2. <i>New Castle</i> —Elkton 22 50; Green Hill (Sab-sch 20) 36 50; Port Penn 20; Snow Hill 10. <i>Washington City</i> —Washington, Gurley 25 50 264 50	ILLINOIS, SOUTH.— <i>Alton</i> —Alton 171; Belleville 36; Butler 3 35; Carlinville 28 30; Litch field 19; Staunton 10; Troy 15 85. <i>Cairo</i> —Enfield 15; Kilmundy 12; Lawrenceville 2; Oak Grove 5 50; Od.n 3; Richview 20 351 00
CENTRAL NEW YORK.— <i>Binghamton</i> —Union 26. <i>Osage</i> —Cherry Valley 40 10; Otsego 10 50. <i>St Lawrence</i> —Bra-her Falls 9; Canton 38 47; Heuvelton 7; Waddington 18 90. <i>Syracuse</i> —Syracuse Park Central 220, 20 of which from the Adult Bible Class. <i>Utica</i> —Clayville 12; New Hartford 96 31; Oneida 140, of wh Sab-sch 50; Oriskany 1 75; Utica, Bethany 23 41; Waterville 41; White-boro 17 50 701 94	INDIANA, NORTH.— <i>Crawfordsville</i> —Crawfordsville 1st 8. <i>Fort Wayne</i> —Bluffton 13; Fort Wayne 1st 172; Fort Wayne 3d 5 45; Huntington 10; Kendallville 13 13; Larwill 3; Warsaw 22 50. <i>Muncie</i> —Anderson 8 255 08
CINCINNATI.— <i>Chillicothe</i> —Belfast 3 50; Bloomingtonburgh 29; Cynthia 6; Marshall 5; Pisgah 20; South Salem 67 60. <i>Cincinnati</i> —Cincinnati 7th 46 70; Cincinnati 1st German 25; Cincinnati 2d German 15 00; Lebanon 39; Morrow 5 70; Moscoo 3. <i>Dayton</i> —Clifton 112 37; Dayton 1st 44 47; Hamilton Sab-sch 17. <i>Portsmouth</i> —Red Oak 7 437 34	INDIANA, SOUTH.— <i>Indianapolis</i> —Bethany 14 50; Greencastle 31; Greenwood 7; Indianapolis 2d, from Mrs E W Pettibone 62 50; Southport 10 47; Union 10. <i>Vincennes</i> —Mount Vernon 10; Princeton 13 50; Terre Haute 1st 29; Upper Indiana 10; Vincennes 1st 10. <i>White Water</i> —Connersville 1st 32 70; Knightstown 8; Lawrenceburgh 11 85; Mount Carmel 10; Rising Sun 13 274 52
CLEVELAND.— <i>Cleveland</i> —Chester 13. <i>Mahoning</i> —Massillon 20. <i>St Clairsville</i> —Barnesville 5 30; Rock Hill 25. <i>Steubenville</i> —Beech Spring 27; Oak Ridge 14 20; Steubenville 1st 46; Wells-ville 62 212 50	IOWA, NORTH.— <i>Cedar Rapids</i> —Blairstown 7; Cedar Rapids 1st, 150; Vinton 1st 104 91. <i>Dubuque</i> —Epworth 3; Winthrop 17. <i>Fort Dodge</i> —Carroll 10; Cherokee 3 75; Denison 10; Fort Dodge 8 03; Glidden 4 50; Grand Junction 9 50; Storm Lake 5 75. <i>Waterloo</i> —Cedar Falls 14; Grundy Centre 21; Point Pleasant 3 13 370 57
COLORADO.— <i>Montana</i> —Helena 20 00	IOWA, SOUTH.— <i>Council Bluffs</i> —Council Bluffs 38 25; Hamburg 2; Malvern 10 25. <i>Des Moines</i> —Columbia 3 50; Indianola 8 50; Newbern 5; Plymouth 6 55; Winter-et 20 50. <i>Iowa</i> —Birmingham 8; Fairfield 14 26; Ottumwa 9; Pleasant Plain 3; Shanam 6; St Peter's Evangelical 11 30; R 10 74. <i>Iowa City</i> —Ladora 5. <i>Nebraska City</i> —Falls City 8 45; Plattsmouth 13. <i>Omaha</i> —E-k Valley 2; Ponca 5; Peru 10 209 30
COLUMBUS.— <i>Athens</i> —Pomeroy 22 58. <i>Marion</i> —Berlin 8 25; Bloomfield 5; Brown 6; King-ton 5; Liberty 12; Mt Gilead 45 70; Rev John McCutchan 3 94. <i>Wooster</i> —Chippewa 7 34; Congress 9 43; Shelby 12 75; West Salem 2 57; Wooster 44 83. <i>Zanesville</i> —Granville, of which Mrs Julia Bushnell 39, 17; Clark 10 10; Zanesville 1st 22; Rev E Garland 50 444 51	KANSAS.— <i>Emporia</i> —Chelsea 5. <i>Highland</i> —Concordia 5; Holton German 10; Neuchatel 3. <i>Neosho</i> —Baxer Springs, of which Rev W Mayo 20, 23 50. <i>Topeka</i> —Baldwin City 2 75; Black Jack 2 70; Perry 6 57 95
ERIE.— <i>A'ugheny</i> —Allegheny North 353 65; Allegheny, Providence 26 70; Leedsdale 70 35; Sewickley, of which A C Robinson 100, 300; Sharpesburgh 84 40; Springdale 11. <i>Butler</i> —Plain Grove Female Mission Socy 83 45. <i>Clarion</i> —Clarion 30 80; Leatherwood 16 50; Liek-ing 29; Oak Grove 3; Perry 11 64. <i>Erie</i> —Corry 14; Erie, Park 175; Franklin 95; Pleasantville, add'l 83 50. <i>Kittanning</i> —Apollo 9; Appleby Manor 6 23; Boling Spring 35; Currie's Run 6 50. <i>Shenango</i> —Pulaski 12 29; West Middlesex 24 1531 31	KENTUCKY.— <i>Louisville</i> —Louisville, College St 104 51. <i>Transylvania</i> —Edmonton 8; Lebanon 35; Stanford 12 159 50
GENEVA.— <i>Cayuga</i> —Auburn Central 101 84; Aurora 35; Sennet 18 48; Wells' College Missy Socy 40. <i>Chemung</i> —Burdett 10; Sugar Hill 2 90; Tyrone 2 65; Mrs. E B Wells 2. <i>Geneva</i> —Ithaca 160 54; Newfield 3; Puelps 70. <i>Lyons</i> —Galen 34 51 480 91	LONG ISLAND.— <i>Brookton</i> —Brooklyn 1st, Henry St 100; Brooklyn 1st, Remsen St 56 21; Brooklyn 2d, of which 150 from Sab-sch Missy Assoc'n, 242 75; Brooklyn, Lafayette Ave. in part 750; Brooklyn, Siloam 15; Edgewater 1st 147 67. <i>Long Island</i> —Middletown 7 70; Southampton 110. <i>Nassau</i> —East Williamsburgh 8; Hempstead 21 30; Huntington 1st 103; Islip 12 50; Roslyn 15 75; St Paul's 1st; Smithtown 5 1602 83
HARRISBURGH.— <i>Carlisle</i> —Chambersburgh, Fall-ing Spring 300; Dauphin 30; Gettysburgh 43 25; Greencastle 62; Newport 23; Robert Ken-edy Memorial 6 75. <i>Huntingdon</i> —Alexandria, (Sab-sch 2) 89; Bethel 16; Birmingham 97 72; Hollidaysburgh (Sab-sch 4 54) 47; Perrysville 50; Spruce Creek 400. <i>Northumberland</i> —Bloom-sburgh 1st 136 24; Emporium 5; Mahoning 3 73; Millnsburgh 8 35; Mooresburgh 14; New Ber-lin 8 85 1358 89	MICHIGAN.— <i>Detroit</i> —Brighton 7 05; Howell 15. <i>Grand Rapids</i> —Charlevoix 6; Grand Haven 23 15. <i>Lansing</i> —Concord 17 49; Homer 86. <i>Monroe</i> —Hillsdale 33; Raisin 24 50. <i>Saginaw</i> —Au Sable 3; Saginaw City 5 225 19
ILLINOIS, CENTRAL.— <i>Bloomington</i> —Bement 17 47; Montucello 13. <i>Peoria</i> —Elba Centre 2 15; Farmington 10 50; John Knox 8 51; Lewistown 29 90; Peoria, Calvary Mission 17; Princeville, of which White School-House 4 25; 23 80; West Jersey 6 42. <i>Schuyler</i> —Lardolph 3; Bushnell 11; Camp Creek 13; Chili 3; La Prairie 3; Mon-mouth 66 75. <i>Springfield</i> —Petersburgh 40; Springfield 1st 37 04 312 53	MINNESOTA.— <i>Dakota</i> —Ascension 6; Good Will 4; Long Hollow 2; Myassan 7. <i>Mankato</i> —Eden 2 50; La Sueur 12; Redwood Falls 6 40; Sleepy Eye 2 50; St Peter's Union 25. <i>St Paul</i> —Delano 2; Duluth 8; Dundas 12; Forest 6; Indepen-dence 3; Litchfield 3 25; Long Lake 2; Minne-apolis, Andrew 30; Rockford 3. <i>Winona</i> —Fremont 9; Lake City 10; Rushford 4 164 65
MISSOURI.— <i>Osage</i> —Knob Noster 9; New Frank-fort 61 85. <i>St Louis</i> —Salem 15 25 65	MISSOURI.— <i>Osage</i> —Knob Noster 9; New Frank-fort 61 85. <i>St Louis</i> —Salem 15 25 65
NEW JERSEY.— <i>Elizabeth</i> —Basking Ridge 130, of which Sab-sch 20. Franklin Sab-sch 9; Elizabeth 1st (add'l) 100; Elizabethport 27. <i>Jersey City</i> —Hackensack 30; Passaic 10; West Hoboken Sab-sch 50. <i>Monmouth</i> —Farmingdale 5; Free-hold 1st 56; Hightstown 100; Jacksonville 3; Tennent 100. <i>Morris and Orange</i> —Chatham 46 58; Mendham 2d 63; Morristown South St (add'l) 50; Orange Ger 4 20; South Orange 138 26; Columbia Sab-sch 12. <i>Newark</i> —Mont-clair 470; Newark 2d Y. P. Missy Ass'n 48 95; Newark 3d Sab-sch 62 50; Newark South Park 488. <i>New Brunswick</i> —Amwell 1st 15; Milford 21; Princeton 2d 110; Trenton 1st 600; Trenton 4th 280 86. <i>Newton</i> —Belvidere 1st, from Mrs D C D 60; Greenwich 116 55; La Fayette 10; Ox-ford 1st 24; Sparta, 52 ets of which gatherings of Pastor's children, 11 52; Stanhope 3. <i>West Jer-</i>	

sey—Bridgeton West 43 54; Bunker Hill 5 83; Camden 2d 78; Cedarville 1st, Sab-sch 27; Glassborough 5 75; Salem (in part) 81; Woodbury (Sab-sch 33 22) 69 97; Wenona 6 20 3618 71
 New York.—Hudson—Centreville 3; Chester 81 35; Jeffersonville Ger 6. New York—New York Central Sab-sch 62 60; New York Covenant (add'l) 50; New York New York 20; New York Scotch (in part) 375; New York 13th St Sab-sch Miss'y Ass'n 250; New York 4th Ave 32 70. North River—Pleasant Plains 24; Smithfield 32 10. Westchester—Bridgeport 105; Mt Kisco 20 14; Peekskill 1st 81 47; South Salem 65; Stamford (Sab-sch 28 06, moon cen 50 98) 406 24; Thompsonville 60; Yonkers 1st, moon cen 21 98 1699 48

PACIFIC.—Benicia—Callistoga 7. Los Angeles—San Buenaventura 26; Merced 17. Oregon—Marshfield 6; Jackson County 26; Pleasant Grove 10; Empire City 15. Sacramento—Columbia 10 70; Marysville 11; Woodbridge 6 50. San Francisco—San Francisco 1st 100; San Francisco Calvary 225. San Jose—Centreville 6; Washington Corner 5 471 20

PHILADELPHIA.—Chester—Oxford 127 66 of wh Mt Joy Sab-sch 13 80; Penningtonville 7. Lackawanna—Canton 22; Langeliff 8; Montrose 100; Orwell 20; Towanda (Sab-sch 38) 148. Lehigh—Hokendauqua, Sab-sch 19; Mahanoy City 14 03; Reading 1st 191 73; Stroudsburg 29 61; Upper Lehigh 25. Philadelphia—Philadelphia 2d 163 03; Philadelphia 10th, Sab-sch 23 50; Philadelphia Wharton St 89 66. Philadelphia Central—Philadelphia Arch St 585 80; Philadelphia Cohocksink 159 54, Sab-sch 59 54; Philadelphia Kensington 105 87; Philadelphia West Arch St 88 05. Philadelphia North—Germanstown 2d 137 91; Germantown Market Square 73 81; Huntington Valley 6; Newtown, Groveland Sab-sch, Infant Department 5; Norristown 1st 79 34. Westminster—Lancaster 78 36; Monnt Joy 16 89; New Harmony 10; Christiana 2 86 2398 34

PITTSBURGH.—Blairsville—Greensburg (Sab-sch 19 70) 68 70; Johnstown 50 75; New Alexandria (Sab-sch 9 60) 109 94; Parnassus 77 41; Pine Run 10. Pittsburgh—Hazelwood 75 65; Montours 41; Mt Washington 8; Pittsburgh 1st 403; Pittsburgh 2d (in part) 255; Pittsburgh 3d (of which Mrs. M. J. Semple 150, and C. J. Clark Esq 100) 438 10; Pittsburgh 4th 40; Braddock's Field 14 Redstone—New Providence 35; West Newton 39 15. Washington—Forks of Wheeling 175; Moundsville 13; Upper Buffalo Sab-sch 9. West Virginia—Bethel 8 70; French Creek 24; Gnaty Creek 4; Grafton 5; Kingwood 6; Portland 5; Weston 6 1924 40

TENNESSEE.—Holston—Mt Lebanon 10. Kingston—Bethel 23 45; New Providence 8 41 45
 TOLEDO.—Bellevue—Buck Creek 41; Upper Sandusky 15; West Liberty 10 35. Huron—Florence 7 50; Sandusky 36 50. Lima—Ada 4 50. Maumee—Delta 10; Haskins 7; Toledo 3d 5; West Bethel 18 144 85

WESTERN NEW YORK.—Buffalo—East Aurora 10; Fredonia 114; Panama 10; West Aurora 10. Genesee—Attica 23 86; Corfu, from a friend 50; Oakfield 10; Pembroke and Batavia 100; Perry 19 76; Portageville 20 90, of which 10 from Mrs. Carrie McCarthy; Warsaw 165. Niagara—Holley 12; Knowlesville ch and Sab-sch 17 50; Niagara Falls 100. Rochester—Brookport 86 25; Caledonia 55 20 804 47

WISCONSIN.—Chippewa—Hartland 11 10; Hudson 1st 23 50; Maiden Rock 9; Nasonville 3; Neilsville 9; North Bend 5. Milwaukee—Cato 8; Lima 10; West Granville 20. Winnebago—De Pere 7 65; Green Bay, French 9 31. Wisconsin River—Lodi, Willie and I, 1; Platteville 3 23; Pulaski 5 124 79

COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE AND FINANCE 1666 70

Total received from churches, \$23,257 84
 Less amount refunded 10 00

\$23,247 84

LEGACIES.—Legacy of Cornelius Voorhees, dec'd, late of Ogden, N. Y. 1000; Legacy of Julia Adams, dec'd, late of Chicago, Ill. 3750. Less exchanges and expenses—3696 30; Ferry Min-

istry Fund 187 50; Interest on Legacy of Samuel Utter, dec'd, Paris, Ill. 40; Legacy of Mrs. Cornelia H. L. Brown, dec'd, late of Minonk, Ill. (in part) 225 10; Legacy of Jacob Blazer, dec'd, late of Gallia Co. Ohio, (in part) 30 5178 90

MISCELLANEOUS.—A. C., Lime Springs, Iowa 10; "A boy's contribution," Catawba Ky, 50 cts; Miss Grace Lee, Baltimore Md, 10; Miss M. H., Philadelphia Pa, 4; Interest on Hungerford Investment 280 50; Six months Interest on Permanent Fund 453 90; A Friend 6; A. E. D. 4; J. B. 5; A Friend, Le Roy Mich 1 50; "A thank-offering from J. H. G." Baltimore Md 15; F. B., Piqua Ohio, 5; Minister 2; Hon. Elhal Todd Foote New Haven Conn. 30; "A Friend" 1000; E. S. B., Pittsburgh Pa, 10; "Three Friends" East Bloomfield N. Y. 5; "W" 12; "From F." through Rev. Dr. Grier, 5; Mrs. Jane A. Steele, Shavers Creek Pa, 2; Mrs. Margaret Gratius, Shavers Creek Pa, 1; Mrs. Moody, Websters Grove Mo, 1; Mrs. John Lomax, Laclede Mo 2 40; Miss M. J. Moore, Plainfield N. J. 60.

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Total in November, 1873 \$30,344 54

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CLOTHING.

1 barrel and one half from the Greenleaf Circle of Newburyport 1st ch, Mass, valued at 125 00
 1 box from the Grace ch Chicago, Ill, valued at 244 00
 1 box from the Woman's Miss'y Society of Calvary ch Newark, N. J, valued at 308 00
 1 box from the Ladies Soc'y of Peekskill 1st ch, N. Y, valued at 279 38
 1 box from the Female Miss'y Soc'y of Morristown ch, Ohio, valued at 37 00
 1 box from the Ladies of Lake Forest ch Ill, valued at 250 00
 1 box from the Ladies of Hollidaysburg ch, Pa, valued at 164 30
 1 box from the Ladies of Newark South Park ch, N. J, valued at 116 00
 2 boxes from the Ladies of Pittsburgh 1st ch, Pa, valued at 421 52
 1 box from the Ladies of Goshen ch, N. Y, valued at 215 00
 1 box from the Ladies of Charleston ch, Ill, valued at 130 60
 1 box from the Ladies of Geneva 2d ch, N. Y, valued at 160 00
 1 box from the Ladies of Wilmington Central ch, Del, valued at 340 00
 1 box from the Ladies of Bridgeport ch, Conn, valued at 215 00
 1 box from the Ladies of Granville ch, Ohio, valued at 70 00
 1 box from the Ladies of Tenafly ch, N. J, valued at 100 60
 1 box from the Ladies of Easton 1st ch, Pa, valued at 377 00
 1 box from the Ladies of Trenton 1st ch, N. J, valued at 400 00
 1 box from the Ladies' Sewing Society of New Castle 2d ch, Pa, valued at 87 00
 1 box from the Ladies of the Forks of the Brandywine Manor ch, Pa, valued at 105 23
 1 box from the Ladies of Walnut Hill ch, Ohio, valued at 143 00

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BOARD OF EDUCATION.

THE HARVEST TRULY IS GREAT, BUT THE LABORERS ARE FEW; PRAY YE THEREFORE THE LORD OF THE HARVEST THAT HE WOULD SEND FORTH LABORERS INTO HIS HARVEST.—Luke x. 2. See also Isaiah xiv. 11, xlv. 3, and Luke xi. 13.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR COLLEGES, SEMINARIES AND SCHOOLS.

“The Assembly recommends that the Day of Prayer for Colleges, Seminaries and Schools, be the last Thursday of January, according to the action of the two previous Assemblies.”—Minutes of General Assembly, Baltimore, 1873.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS.

By again withholding payment of \$9,500 borrowed in February last, and by means of a larger number than usual of legacies in addition to the contributions from churches, the Board has been enabled to pay most of the November appropriations to the students. It must earnestly ask now from churches taking up their collections that they be made, by such effort as the difficulties of the time require, not below those of last year.

PASTORS OF CHURCHES are requested to circulate the Address below among their elders and people.

ADDRESS BEFORE A CONVENTION OF ELDERS.

BY THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD.

[The following address, made in substance before a convention of elders at Altoona, Pa., in December, contains suggestions which deserve general consideration at this time.]

A convention of elders of the Church is an occasion of peculiar interest.

HONOR OF THE OFFICE.

I. It indicates an appreciation of the office more just than that which has prevailed.

The office is sometimes purely civil, and is then confined to municipal affairs. Within his sphere, the “*alder-man*,” or elder, possesses no little power. The council of these elders in one of our cities is a local legislature, and its members are severally, to a limited extent, judges according to the law. They have rights upon which even the State or the Federal Government may not trench.

This power is derived from the Old World. To-day, when the sovereign of the British throne enters on state occasions the city gate of London, she is met by the Lord Mayor and alder-men, and accepts the keys at their hands. The village elders, in many European and Asiatic countries, control the local taxation, education, police arrangements, and sometimes also the religious worship of the community. We meet there with cases in which they even assume the sovereign prerogative of capital punishment.

It is then worthy of your observation that your office lies deeper in the history and institutions of the British race, and the European races from which we spring, than the Roman and prelatial monarchism or episcopacy. You represent the ancient and deep laid republicanism, in society and in religion, of our ancestors of hundreds, yes, of thousands of years ago—the presbyter-ism of tribal republics which dwelt in the tents of Central Asia.

You derive your direct authority from the inspired history of that primitive age of mankind in the Old Testament. And any “*elder*” who will trace out the indications of the dignity, the duties, the responsibilities, the earthly and the celestial honors and rewards, of that office and those who bear it—as those indications lie

scattered through the revealed history, laws, poetry, doctrine and prophecy, comprehended between the books of Genesis and Revelation—will come from the search with ideas far more elevated, yet more humble; much wiser, but feeling how little he apprehends of his trust; rousing himself like one who in mid-afternoon wakes up in a harvest-field where all has been going to ruin while he has lain asleep, and hastens to work with the sickle which has been rusting by his side.

The apostle Peter took comfort in saying to the churches of Central Asia to which he wrote that he was "also an elder." So now an elder is also a minister of the gospel in the broadest and most precious sense of the word. Not to officiate at the communion table and in the pulpit. But to minister as Jesus ministered, and as the apostles ministered, and as other subordinate laborers for Jesus have in every age ministered—in teaching the young and the unlearned, in relieving the sick, in guiding wretched wanderers into the way of life, in assuaging the manifold sorrows of this troubled world.

The Presbyterian church has sadly, dreadfully, lost power for good in the land, by the low, mean ideas which multitudes of her elders entertain of their office. They have been willing to degrade themselves to be mere breechbands to the chariot of the gospel, to keep it from going too fast; mere chains to the tongue, to prevent the doctrinal teaching of the pulpit swerving from the time-honored ruts. Now it is certainly right to hold back when holding back is needed. But has not the chariot been dragging these weary centuries, as if it belonged to the Egyptians, rather than to the Israel of God, without wheels, and grinding over the rocks and through the mire and sand; while God has been holding the waters in a wall on either hand, urging us through, until he would destroy his and our enemies?

There are some things which we can learn from others, just as others in turn have something to learn from us. That modification of the preaching office which the Methodists style the "local preacher" has been for that denomination a mighty engine of power. Those ten thousand men have accomplished almost as much as the regular preachers for the spread of their faith. Some of them have been truly godly and useful men. Were our better educated eldership, within the just and well-ascertained lines of their duty, thoroughly zealous in teaching the young and the destitute, in holding meetings for prayer and other appropriate exercises, in visiting the widow and the fatherless, in devising and performing labors becoming to their "ministry," how vastly would the power of the Presbyterian Church be increased! It is reasonable to say that it would be doubled. O, how immeasurably would the influence of the gospel of Jesus Christ then be extended and intensified in every community, in every scene of destitution, throughout the nation, and to the ends of the earth!

INCREASED EFFICIENCY IN CHURCH WORK.

II. This Convention is a pledge of increased efficiency of the eldership and members of the church in helping forward the various kinds of work which God has given us to do.

I do not feel called upon to speak of plans and labors related to the varied duties of the elder, important and delightful as they are, which may be said to terminate upon the congregation and its locality.

There are some labors performed with limited conceptions of their results, which send forth influences the most far-reaching. Such, for example, are those connected with the Sabbath-school.

The appliances for interesting both the scholar and the teacher, and multiplying

their usefulness in the Sabbath-school and family, have been wonderfully increased in the present day. An aged person who has lived in an isolated region, on entering a modern Sabbath-school, feels almost like one coming from an unchristianized to a Christian land. Angels rejoice to see the ingathering of the children of the profane and vicious, the teaching of the sweet and happy juvenile hymns and music of our time, and the numerous influences which are exerted to rear a new and holy generation of human kind for the service of Christ's kingdom. These Sabbath-school appliances are a boon to the poor, a boon to the church, a boon to the whole race. And perhaps no one present would conceive how their power is going forth, like shining and widening waves from a centre, till in Europe and Asia and Africa, in Papal America, and in the islands of the sea, the Christian Sabbath-school is filling every land and every shore with its precious blessings.

While the institution, its principles, its songs, and its clustered fruits, are thus carried forth over the world, its highest benefit to us should be that it enables the Church to carefully call out, and thoroughly inspire and effectively train, sons for the ministry of the gospel, who shall labor with success in this country, and go forth in much larger numbers, to accomplish more various, wide and abundant good in heathen, mohammedan and papal lands.

The Sabbath-school, both in its lower and higher offices, must obtain its chief impulses and success from the labors and sympathies of the eldership of the church.

Another most important field for cultivation by the elders of the Church is that of its finances. Not alone those for the support of the individual congregation, but, as in Scotland, those upon which the Boards and general work of the Church must depend.

It is distressing to hear and read the discussions about "*some plan*" of giving for this or that congregation. None of these shallow or short-lived schemes of men can, by any possibility, equal God's plan. The wisest financier on earth cannot devise so perfect a plan. What is it?

1. "On the first day of the week," the memorial of the Creation, the Atonement and the Judgment, as an act of religious adoration and obligation,—2, "let every one of you," old and young, male and female, rich and poor,—3, "lay by him in store," setting aside privately, intelligently, freely, prayerfully, to be used or put into the treasury* at the time and in the measure of the calls made upon you, in the providence of God,—4, "as God hath prospered him," out of each source of gain, and in some regular proportion, not spasmodically nor stingily, not drawing closer the mouth of the purse as its contents become larger. O, what sorrows and woes have men brought upon their souls in life and in death, and what ruin upon their families, by spurning God's rightful demands upon their means of sending forth the gospel of life to a dying world. Money educates ministers, prints bibles, builds railroads and ships, erects churches and schools and hospitals; it is the universal and indispensable necessity in God's appointment of means for establishing his kingdom on earth. Of what exceeding, what unutterable importance it is, brethren, that the elders counsel, teach and help the churches to *give* as their members have never yet done! And that they teach them God's plan, not men's plans.

The elders can, as laymen, mingling with the people, do much to make religion practical in all the concerns of life; like the Swiss cottages among the mountains,

* The use of envelopes for this purpose is of advantage for convenience, safety, and the designation of the object.

the corners of which are carved each like a fruit-bearing vine; beneath the roof of which are cut in the wood, and painted in bright colors, texts of scripture; and between whose windows and stories are cut in the same way sweet verses of hymns of love and praise to God. Thus each department and action of human life should be so adorned with godliness, that when they see it, shall "glorify our Father in heaven."

THE GRAND OBJECT, ASSOCIATED PRAYER.

III. But every other benefit to be expected from this convention is small and secondary compared to those gifts of the Holy Ghost which you may bring down upon the churches, and the whole thirsty earth, by your combined and fervent prayer for them.

That great promise of Christ, in the nineteenth chapter of Matthew, of his special presence with "two or three" gathered in his name, and special gift of "anything that they shall ask," you should earnestly remember is in the first place an *official* promise. It is a part of the covenant that your official acts for his 'name' and honor shall "bind" the sway of his sceptre in heaven, and "bind" the distribution of the gifts of his divine covenant of salvation and blessing to mankind.

O, pray then, brethren of the eldership, in all your meetings together, fervently for the gifts of the Holy Ghost; and abundant rains shall surely come, which will cause every grain of wheat which we sow, going forth and weeping, to spring up, some thirty, some sixty, some an hundred fold. Such rains would soon fill the world with joyful harvests.

RECEIPTS IN NOVEMBER 1873.

⚔ Synods in small capitals—Presbyteries in *italics*—Churches in Roman.

ALBANY.—Albany—Albany 4th 100. *Champlain*
—Chateaugay 7. *Columbia*—Greenville 16 70. *Troy*
—Fort Edward 7; Hoosic Falls 21 151 70
BALTIMORE.—Baltimore—Baltimore, Westminster
54 77; Barton 15; Mt Airy (Harmony) 5 74 77
CENTRAL NEW YORK.—*Otsego*—New Berlin 7. *St*
Lawrence—Morristown 3 58. *Utica*—Augusta 7 70;
Utica, Westminster 18 70 36 48
CINCINNATI.—*Chillicothe*—Wilkesville 8 75. *Dry-*
ton—Hamilton 33 50; Oxford 18 60 25
CLEVELAND.—*St Clairsville*—Cadiz 40. *Steuben-*
ville—Morristown 5 45 00
COLUMBUS.—Zanesville—Fairmount 2; Keene 17;
Dresden 33 22; Muskingum 10; Zanesville Presby-
tery 50 112 22
ERIE.—*Allegheny*—Hiland 24 19. *Butler*—North
Butler 6 +0. *Erie*—North East 20. *Kittanning*—
Appleby Manor 2 34; West Lebanon 12 65 13
GENEVA.—*Cayuga*—Auburn Central 71 95. *Gene-*
va—Ithaca 29 50; Penn Yan 40 40; Trumans-
burgh 21 66. *Lyons*—Rose 8 10 171 61
HARRISBURGH.—*Carlisle*—St Thomas 5 50. *Hun-*
tingdon—East Kishacoquillas 48 53 50
ILLINOIS, CENTRAL.—*Bloomington*—Philo 2; Pon-
tiac 20; Tolona 20. *Peoria*—Deer Creek 8. *S. Huy-*
ler—Bardolph 4 50; La Prairie 5 59 50
ILLINOIS, NORTH.—*Rock River*—Peniel 6 60
ILLINOIS, SOUTH.—*Cairo*—Golconda 8 55. *Mattoon*
—Charleston 17; Dalton 2 27 55
INDIANA, NORTH.—*Crawfordsville*—Dover 4 87.
Fort Wayne—Fort Wayne 2d 20. *Logansport*—Lo-
gansport 1st 18 30. *Muncie*—Hopewell 3; Nobles-
ville 8 54 10
IOWA, NORTH.—*Dubuque*—Prairie 2; Waukon Ger
10 12 00
MISSOURI.—*Osage*—New Frankfort Ger 1 60. *St*
Louis—Salem 5; Windsor Harbor 20 26 60

Remaining receipts from Synods in next number.
Total from churches, \$3937 77
From COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE AND FINANCE \$499 07
REFUNDED.
"A C P" 30 00
LEGACIES.
Julia Adams' Estate, Chicago, Ills 3,750, less com-
mission and expenses 53 70 = 3,696 30; Edward
Avery, Wooster, Ohio 100; Mrs C H L Brown, Alton,
Ills, in part 49 39 3845 69
MISCELLANEOUS.
From a lady, per Rev Dr Schenck 10; Rev S
Robinson, N Y 5; L Gorham, Plymouth, Pa 5;
From a friend, per Rev Dr Grier 1; George Blake,
N Y city 10; "R" 1; Jane N Steel, Shaver's Creek
2; Mrs "R J" 5; E S B, Pittsburgh, Pa 10 49 00
8361 53

Received on account of the special debt of the Board:
Ply of Albany—Albany State Street ch 200 00
Ply of Newark—Montclair 1st ch 100 00
Ply Morris and Orange—Morristown 1st 70 00
Ply of Lehigh—Easton 1st ch 50 00
From the General Assembly's Committee 2395 00

Amount previously acknowledged 2816 00
325 41
Total received for the special debt to Dec 1st 3141 41

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BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

RECENT INTELLIGENCE.

DEATH OF MRS. HAPPER AND MR. CAPP.—It is with great regret that we have to report the death of Mrs. Happer, wife of the Rev. A. P. Happer, D.D., and of the Rev. Edward P. Capp, the former of the Canton mission, and the latter of the Shantung mission, China. Mrs. Happer had been in feeble health for some time, but it was hoped that she would regain her usual strength. This was, however, not the will of God, and she departed this life on the 10th of October, in the enjoyment of a good hope through grace. Her memory is precious to her missionary associates and to a large number of Christian friends in this country, and great sympathy is felt for her bereaved husband and his family. Mr. Capp left his station in his usual health, to accompany Mrs. Capp and Mrs. Crossette on their visit to this country for medical relief, but he was attacked with severe illness soon after the voyage commenced, and when he reached Yokohama, it was considered best for him to remain there in the hope of benefit from the change. In the family of Mr. Loomis, one of our missionaries, our friends received tender Christian sympathy and every ministry of kindness, together with the best medical service; but all proved ineffectual, and he was called from this life on the 26th of October, in the enjoyment of great peace to the end. He was a devoted missionary, fairly entered on his work after many years of careful training, and large hopes were cherished of his great usefulness—hopes that will yet be fulfilled, for he being dead yet speaketh. Deep sympathy is felt for his bereaved wife, and for his honored father and his family, of Philadelphia. Mrs. Capp and Mrs. Crossette have since arrived in this country.

NOTICES OF MISSIONARIES.—The Rev. Silas A. Davenport, M. D., of the Presbytery of Elizabeth, has set out on his journey to China as a missionary of the Board. Special funds were offered to defray the expenses of his outfit and journey. The Rev. Richard Arthur and his wife have arrived in this country from Siam. Mrs. Arthur's health has received benefit from the voyage, but they do not expect to return to the missionary work. Mr. S. W. Perryman and his wife have resigned their appointment in the Creek Mission, Mr. Perryman having been chosen as one of the deputation to watch over the interests of his people at Washington.

NEW COMMUNICANTS RECEIVED.—Mr. Bushnell mentions the admission to the church of Gaboon of two women, daughters of two of the chief Mpongwe kings, and speaks of about fifty hopeful converts having been received in the last two years. In Japan, Mr. Loomis speaks of the native church—see his letter on another page. At Canton, China, Dr. Happer writes on the 22d of October, that eight or ten persons would be admitted to the communion on the next Sabbath. At Cos, Mexico, Mr. Phillips mentions the case of a man who had walked nearly one hundred miles to receive baptism, and who gave very pleasing evidence of being a true follower of Christ. He was welcomed to the privileges of the church.

NEW STATION IN PERSIA.—The important city of Tabriz has been long kept in view as a station for missionary work. We are glad now to mention that Mr. and Mrs. Easton and Miss Jewett have gone from Oroomiah to this city, and that

Mr. Coan would spend several months there to aid in the first efforts of the new station.

IN MEXICO there is opposition and even violent persecution by bigoted Romanists, instigated by their priests, but there are many encouraging things. The separation of Church and State is a matter of great moment, and seems now to be well assured. Personal inquiry on religious subjects in different places is manifested, and hopeful converts are met with. Our brethren feel that their work is great and full of hope.

IN BRAZIL, nearly the same remark may be made as to the impressions of the brethren concerning their work. They confidently look for the divorce of the Church and State, as the result of existing controversies between the Government and the Romanist bishops and the general progress of enlightened views among the people. They call earnestly for more missionaries.

CHRISTIAN DISINTERESTEDNESS.—One of our missionaries was shipwrecked a few months ago, losing his property, and narrowly escaping with his life. In reply to a letter from the Mission House, stating that a new outfit would be given him by the Board, he writes, "Hearty thanks for the sympathy you expressed in your last letter. Knowing that all things are directed by a kind, wise Providence, I desire that the Board will not take action to replace my outfit."

RECEIPTS TO DECEMBER 1ST.—From churches, \$110,013; from legacies, \$38,335; from individual donors, \$12,637—in all, \$160,985. Receipts in the same months last year, \$146,208—of which from churches, \$79,547. Donations for the debt, not included; these now, December 13th, amount to \$118,728.

LETTERS RECEIVED TO DECEMBER 15th.—From the Chippewa Mission, November 26th; Creek, November 28th; Nez Perce, November 4th; San Francisco, November 29th; Yokohama, October 26th; Yedo, October 20th; Tungehow, November 30th; Chefoo, September 22d; Canton, October 22d; Bangkok, October 8th; Chiengnai, September 1st; Ambala, October 24th; Kolapore, November 1st; Oroomiah, September 30th; Tabriz, October 10th; Zahleh, October 22d; Benita, September 24th; Gaboon, October 15th; Rio de Janeiro, October 24th; Sao Paulo, October 20th; Bahia, October 28th; Valparaiso, October 24th; Mexico, November 23d; San Louis Potosi, November 17th; Zacatecas, November 13th.

ERRATA.—In our last number, Miss Crouch was reported as a member of the church of Wooster, Ohio; it should have been Wayne, Ohio. In the same number, page 396, the returns of three cents a week from each of our communicants to the cause of foreign missions were given as \$604,000 a year; the sum ought to read, \$736,355. The correction of this error may be of use in recalling attention to the large result of many small gifts, if regularly sent to the mission treasury. No one will say that the *average* sum of three cents a week is too large for the ability of our church members.

THE MISSIONARY WORK A SPIRITUAL WORK.

We remind ourselves of this truth, as we enter on a new year. Its full recognition is a matter of great moment, especially in these days when materialistic ideas abound, and in too many cases are ready to invade the province of Christian

missions. That the interests of commerce are promoted by missions is no doubt true; that geographical knowledge is extended is also true; that medical missionaries relieve much suffering is another truth; that uncivilized tribes learn habits of industry from the teaching and example of missionaries, is still another truth. Missionary Boards establish schools, printing-presses, &c. The danger is that these things come to be regarded with so much interest as to overshadow the great essential thing, the gospel itself. We may have heard the prayer, in which the gift of healing in one hand and the gospel in the other were referred to. We may have seen the printing of fine volumes at a mission press cited as a triumph of our missionary work. We may have known the building of a church to be spoken of as essential. We have seen, and that too in one of our best religious newspapers, by one of its correspondents, a calculation of the cost of each convert in our foreign missions—so many hundred dollars apiece!

In such things, and many others, we see the materialistic tendency of the times encroaching on sacred ground; such low views, if allowed, would soon eat out the heart of missions. We may indeed use the printing-press, the skill of the physician, the teaching of schools, as a means or occasion, looking to the end of conversion; but we must never use them, in a missionary point of view, as a means of making money, or acquiring reputation, or promoting merely humanitarian ends. In the work before us, they are of value only as they enable missionaries to make the gospel known to the people. It is the gospel first, and the gospel last, that our missionaries go to publish. Knowledge, improvement, industrial pursuits, many things, follow in its train; but they follow, not precede; they are results, not causes, of the spiritual work of the Church in its missions. It is preaching, teaching the gospel, that is required of us by our Lord, and in doing which we have the blessed promise of his presence.

With this view of our spiritual work before us, we will be on our guard with a godly jealousy, lest we ascribe too much importance to measures of worldly expediency; lest we rely on ideas of a sensational kind in our advocacy of this cause; lest we permit anything to obscure the great object of saving souls, and thereby of glorifying the name that is above every name. We would remember, moreover, that we ourselves should be spiritual in our motives and labors. Alas, how far short do most of us come in this respect! How seldom do we meet with David Brainards and Henry Martyns in the friends of missions and the missionaries of our day! Let us enter on another year of work for Christ with these thoughts in mind, and with hearts full of affectionate concern for his honor, in all the departments of our missionary labor. To many of us this will be our last year of serving him, of trying to make his gospel known to them that are perishing for lack of vision; but if we may receive grace from on high to serve him with earnest and loving hearts, more than ever before, then it will be our best year, even though it may be our last in this present life. It will then surely be our best year as the year of entering on the life which is to come.

RECOLLECTIONS AND COMMENTS.—II.

The best care of the funds given by the people of God to the cause of Missions is a sacred duty. They must not be expended for any purpose except that for which they were given, and they must be made to go as far as possible to promote their object. If unexpended balances occur at any time, these should be so employed as to increase the financial strength of the cause. How shall this be done? There are more ways than one of doing it, but the one most likely to be thought

of is that of placing such balances at interest, that is, for example, putting them in a bank that will pay interest on the amount deposited. On this, here is a "recollection."

More than twenty years ago, the executive officers of the Board made a thorough examination of the subject, stimulated just a little by hearing that the ——— Missionary Society obtained considerable interest on its balances in the ——— Bank. Inquiries were made at this Bank, (whose principal officers were understood to be of the same denomination with the Missionary Society referred to) "Yes," was the reply, "we shall be happy to pay four per cent interest on the deposits of your Board, with the understanding that you will keep in bank not less than \$10,000 as a permanent deposit." That ended the matter, so far as the ——— Bank and the Board were concerned. The interest on a permanent deposit of any considerable sum was then worth, and is still worth, a good deal more than four per cent.

The inquiries then made served to confirm the Board in its own line of procedure. It would have been rather a "popular" thing for it to report so much money as "interest received on balances in bank," but its previous theory was a better one. When a bill of exchange was purchased, and afterwards when the Treasurer sent out his own bills, in either case to be paid after so many months in London, say from four to ten months, the safe and profitable plan was to invest money to meet the payment when it became due. Thus, the bill was provided for, and thus its cost was lessened by the interest received on the money invested for its payment. Now as to such investment, in a financial centre like New York there need be no difficulty in making safe temporary investments. The government securities are of this class; so are certain State bonds. These can be purchased at any time, and sold at any time, with hardly any loss if a wise judgment is exercised on a few days' outlook; and with as little risk of loss as human affairs usually permit. The interest thus obtained is applied to reduce the cost of the bills remitted, and the less expense of the remittance obtained in this way is a larger sum than could be obtained by depositing money on interest in a bank. This method is also a safer one than that of lending money to a bank, or to individuals on their notes, even with securities. Such at any rate is the theory, and measurably the practice of the Board in this matter.

We say the practice measurably—for it is unhappily the case, especially of late years, that the Board has seldom had funds for investment; frequently it has been itself a borrower, in order to meet the payment of bills when they became due. But its own good financial credit has secured the sale of its Treasurer's bills on as favorable terms as any other bills could command; and thus it has happened that its credit has served as money, to tide over some months of pecuniary pressure.

We have mingled "comments" with recollections in this paper, and so we need add little more. The subject is a somewhat complex one. The ways of dealing with the question of remittances for the support of the Missions are various. But it has always been to the benefit of the cause that amongst the members of the Board have been some of the best business men of the city, men too who have been themselves among the largest donors to its treasury. It is not likely that such men would fail to secure the best arrangement of matters of this kind.

NOTICES OF THE GABOON STATION.

The Rev. A. Bushnell writes as follows under date of August 19th. His reference to the Jesuit missionaries

presents one of the hinderances which our brethren have to meet, and to overcome.

We all remain in the enjoyment of our usual health, though the mortality among the natives, the present dry

season, has been uncommonly large. The frequent tolling of our bell admonishes us to do with our might what our hands find to do for this physically, as well as morally depraved people. Death reigns, but there is a saving power in the gospel that rescues some. Oh that all would come to the Great Physician, and learn that there is balm in Gilead.

I presume we shall go through the year without expending all of your appropriation to the mission. We are building here a frame building for the female seminary 60 by 30 feet, but as we are doing the work mostly ourselves, getting our timber, &c., from the forests, the expense will not be large. Perhaps you would like to give this item of expense to one of the ladies' boards or bands. I will give you a *plan* of the building and its probable cost soon. We have been driven, by the Jesuits and Sisters preying upon the lambs of our flocks, to enlarge our fold, and admit a larger number of pupils to our schools. We now number about one hundred, for whom we have to provide food and clothing mainly, and care and instruction. Our hands are full of work; and it is blessed to toil hard and unremittingly for Jesus. Toil here and rest in heaven. We deeply sympathize with the Board in all their anxieties and arduous work, and with our dear patrons now more than ever, since their prompt, noble effort to relieve the Board of its burdens. We are all co-workers in this blessed work, and I would like to feel a personal interest in every one who prays and gives to aid it. When every member of our beloved Zion is enlisted, and feels a personal responsibility in the conversion of the heathen, the cause will go forward gloriously.

NOTICES OF THE CORISCO STATION.

From a letter of the Rev. C. DeHeer, dated August 18th, we take the following extract. What he writes of the death of Imunga shows one of the worst evils of heathenism in West Africa.

"Women's work for women" is carried on vigorously, so much so, that I have been under the necessity of build-

ing a bamboo addition to accommodate the necessary demand.

The addition is 18 by 36, the larger part of it to be used by the ladies for a school-room in which to gather the women, and also as a reception-room, and for our prayer-meeting; the other part as a store-room and shop, of which I have long been in need. The cost will be about \$1600, exclusive of the boards for flooring. For healthfulness it is built on posts, and needs a board floor, for which we are resting our hopes on the long expected American barque.

Etiani, an elder of the church, and my Bible reader, has been compelled to leave what we thought a promising field, up the river, on account of the persecutions of the adherents of Ukuku. No one came to him or would hear him, or sell him food, so he begged me to take him away. He is now at my station, where he is doing a good work.

Last evening the news arrived of the death of King Imunga, whose name is familiar to you as an always friend of the missionaries and a man of character and influence. His death will be felt not only on the island, but in the surrounding regions. We tremble when we think that the innocent may be put to death on the occasion, unless the Spanish authorities interfere in season, and even then the cruel deed may be quietly performed, as has been done. The Spanish are active in enforcing justice and punishing culprits on the island. They even carry their jurisdiction to such an extent, as to forbid our building a chapel, without first soliciting permission from them.

I have just taken the census of the island, and the returns give about 800 population.

We have rejoiced over the news of the arrival of the new missionaries at Gaboon, though we have not yet the pleasure of seeing them.

THE PAST YEAR IN JAPAN.

The Rev. H. Loomis writes from Shidzookah, where he was making a short visit, as follows, under date of October 14th.

The past year has been one of great encouragement. The native church at Yokohama has grown steadily in numbers and power. A new church has also been organized in Yedo, which promises to become a strong church at no distant day. The membership of

the two churches is now about sixty, and the aggregate Sabbath congregations a hundred and fifty. To a large extent these are young men who are from all portions of the country, and who have come from their homes for the purpose of study. They will thus carry the gospel truth to all parts of the land.

The Gospel of Mark has already reached a second edition, while the Gospels of John and Matthew are having a large and ready sale. Luke has now been entirely revised, and will soon be issued. Dr. Brown has already begun on the Book of Acts.

Mr. Thompson has been a most indefatigable and successful worker. Since he went to Yedo in February last, he has built up a large and very interesting Sabbath service, which has just developed into a church. He has had many inquirers concerning the Christian religion, and also a regular class every day. During the past year, also, he has translated from the original tongue the first three books of the Old Testament, and is now well on in the fourth.

Mr. Carrothers has had, in connection with the native school where he has taught, a Bible class on the Sabbath. He has now left the school, but some of the scholars still come to his house on Sundays for instruction. Mrs. Carrothers has had a school for girls which numbered twelve to fifteen scholars. It has lately increased to about twenty. She has a very interesting Sabbath-school, and has introduced with great success some recent versions of our most familiar hymns.

In addition to the study of the language, I have had during the year a daily Bible class which has been very interesting. The whole number in attendance has been over fifty, but the average daily attendance less than twenty. Several of these have become Christians, and I have felt that the seed sown in other hearts has not been in vain.

I began also a Sabbath-school which had increased to about sixty when the hour for the native service was changed, and I was obliged to give it up. I intend, however, to begin again as soon as the way is open. I am now able to

work to some extent in the native language. Day before yesterday, I had here in Shidzooka a class of thirty-three who had come to learn about the Christian religion. Everywhere we go there are plenty to hear, and the message seems welcome.

The two native elders have just gone forth on a preaching tour. It was their own desire, and we were heartily rejoiced that God had put it into their hearts to labor for the salvation of their people. It is by such efforts that we expect to reach the masses. They can reach their own people better than foreigners.

The reports from all parts are very cheering. Mr. Stout has recently baptized three converts at Nagasaki. The missionaries of the American Board, who have but recently arrived in the field, have already three regular services and a large number under instruction. They speak of a remarkable interest among the people, and sometimes the people are not all able to get into the house to hear, and wait outside. They find abundance of opportunity to preach, and a cordial welcome from the people. It is also the same between here and Yokohama. At one of the towns they have asked for a missionary to come and stay with them. I expect to spend a little time there on my return.

There are now some ten young men who desire to study for the ministry. A class should be started at once to prepare them for the preaching of the gospel to their people. The expense of supporting each student will be about a hundred dollars per year. It will be important to make some arrangement for this soon.

It was sad news to us that we were not to be reinforced as was expected. Men of the right spirit and familiar with the language, could find abundance of work even now, and we have not fairly begun yet. The work here will soon be immense. We ought to have many more at once. Every day that it is deferred is a serious loss. The openings were never so promising and the work so definite as now. Buddhist priests have won the whole country to follow their superstitions. Earnest Christian men can win it to Christ.

DONATIONS TO THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS, IN NOVEMBER 1873.

Synods in SMALL CAPITALS—Presbyteries in *italics*—Churches in Roman.

ALBANY.—*Albany*—First ch Schenectady 954 57; Johnstown ch 100; Rockwell's Falls 14 60; Corinth ch 2 *Columbia*—Jewett ch 14. *Troy*—Fort Edward ch 60 1145 17

BALTIMORE.—*Baltimore*—Franklinville ch 5; Light St ch Baltimore 15; Westminster ch, Baltimore 105 08; Central ch Baltimore. Miss Sab-sch, to ed child 25 25. *New Castle*—Snow Hill ch 7 50, Sab-sch 5 = 12 50; Lower West Nottingham ch 39 80, Sab-sch 10 30=50 10; Central ch Wilmington 60. *Washington City*—First ch, Washington City 51 20 324 13

CENTRAL NEW YORK.—*Binghamton*—North ch Binghamton 6 13; 1st ch Union 24. *Otsego*—Unadilla ch 8 83. *St Lawrence*—Potsdam ch 30. *S.racuse*—First Ward ch, Syracuse 9 06; Liverpool ch 5 80; 1st ch Marcellus, Mrs. S. Henderson 5; Skaneateles ch to con Sereno Feld and Rev M N Preston H. D 200; Hannibal ch 12 29 301 11

CINCINNATI.—*Cincinnati*—Harrison ch 4 40. *Dayton*—Bethel ch 15 55; Memorial ch Sab-sch, Dayton, for Liberia ch 5. *Plymouth*—Ironton ch, Woman's Missy Society 10 125 15

CLEVELAND.—*Cleveland*—Willoughby ch 4; Rome ch 4; Grafton ch 8; Kingsville ch 3 67. *Mahoning*—Youngstown ch 81 60; Deerfield ch 37 24. *St Clairsville*—Rockville Sab-sch 10 24; Kirkwood ch 11 64. *Steubenville*—Second ch, Steubenville 50; Feed Springs Sab-sch 10; Wayne-burg Sab-sch Missy Society, for Mr. Noyes 25; Two Ridges Sab-sch, for Mr. Noyes 15; Yellow Creek Sab-sch, for Mr. Noyes 32 60 429 99

COLUMBUS.—*Columbus*—London ch 8 50; Grove City ch 1 37. *Marion*—Marysville Sab-sch for Rev C. W. Mateer 10. *Wooster*—Wayne Sab-sch 51 35; Congress Sab-sch 3 19; Nashville ch 70; Hopewell ch, add'l 22; Lexington ch 35, Sab-sch, to con Mrs. C. F. Abernethy. *Life Member*, 50 = 85; Jackson Sab-sch 9 25; Fredericksburg Sab-sch 80. *Zanesville*—Rev. T. Garland 100; Fairmount ch 5; Muskingum ch 37, Children's Missy boxes 13 = 50 499 06

ERIE.—*B.ter*—Concord ch 23 75; Scrib Grass ch 17. *Claron*—Greenville Sab-sch for Chefoo Boys' sch 22; Frostburg Sab-sch for Chefoo sch 15; Perrysville ch 50; Mayville ch 3 87; Richardsville ch 6 27. *Erie*—Petroleum Centre ch 26; Clearfield ch 130 57. *Kittanning*—Appleby Manor ch 5 50; Bethel Sab-sch 10; Boiling Spring ch 12; Shraders Grove Sab-sch 5 80; Jacksonville Sab-sch 5 27; 1st ch, Kittanning 161 75 499 78

GENEVA.—*Cayuga*—Second ch, Genoa 4 23; Aurora ch 17 18. *Chemung*—Dundee ch 12 32; Horse Heads ch 26; Watkins ch 12 50. *Geneva*—First ch Ithaca 123 03; Seneca Castle ch 0 80. *Steuben*—Bath ch 26 54; Arkport ch 12. 261 60

HARRISBURGH.—*Carlisle*—Pine St ch, Harrisburg 279 97; Falling Spring ch 100; Fayetteville ch 10 40; Wells Valley ch 3; Middletown ch 53 60. *Huntington*—Bedford ch, Rev. R. F. Wilson and family 9 60; Fruit Hill ch, Ansonville Sab-sch 8; Bellefonte Sab-sch 30. *Northumberland*—Chillisquaque Sab-sch 13 507 57

ILLINOIS, CENTRAL.—*Bloomington*—Rev. E. Thompson and wife 4 21; Urbana ch 6 18, Sab-sch 4 cents=6 53; 2d ch Bloomington 165 85. *Peoria*—A friend of Missions 517 70 694 29

ILLINOIS, NORTH.—*Chicago*—First ch Chicago, 269 90, bal Persian Fund 25=204 90. *Freeport*—Middle Creek Sab-sch 36; Ridgefield ch 15. *Ottawa*—Waltham ch 19 10; Brookfield ch 8 90 373 90

ILLINOIS, SOUTH.—*Alton*—Rev. E. W. and Mrs Taylor for South America 5; Greenville ch 12 58; Virden ch 10 84 28 42

INDIANA, NORTH.—*Crawfordsville*—Centre ch Crawfordsville 33. *Fort Wayne*—Pierceton ch 3 60. *Muncie*—Wabash ch 17 52; Liberty ch 13 20 67 22

INDIANA, SOUTH.—*Indianapolis*—Second ch, Indianapolis 122 21; Columbus ch 3 60. *New Albany*—Jefferson Sab-sch 1; Hanover Sab-sch for Mexico 72 198 81

IOWA, NORTH.—*Cedar Rapids*—Anamosa ch 58 cents. *Dubuque*—Prairie ch 2; Farley Sab-sch, to ed girl at Orooniah 20; Epworth Sab-sch, to ed girl at Orooniah 10; Waukon ch 10 42 58

IOWA, SOUTH.—*Council Bluffs*—Council Bluffs ch 53 44. *Iowa*—First Westminster ch, Keokuk 63 28; Kossuth ch 8 40; Summit Sab-sch, for Japan 12 8; Libertyville Sab-sch 3 *Iowa City*—Wolcott ch 2 86; West Liberty ch 60 cents; Cedar Valley ch 1 40; St Claire ch, Mrs Jack 5; Brooklyn ch 12 54 163 32

KANSAS.—*Austin*—First ch Sab-sch, Austin, for sch at Abert 65 50. *Highland*—Hiawatha ch 2 50 68 00

KENTUCKY.—*Louisville*—Walnut St ch, Louisville 13 34

LONG ISLAND.—*Brooklyn*—Throop Avenue ch, 20 31; 1st ch, Reimsen St, mon ch 122 32; South 3d St ch, Williamsburg 35; Williamsburg Ger ch 5. *Long Island*—Setauket ch 1 25. *Nassau*—second ch, Huntington 10; 1st ch, Astoria, mon con 23 10; Smith Town ch 7 223 93

MICHIGAN.—*Detroit*—First ch, Ypsilanti 100; Calvary ch, Detroit 9 91. *Grand Rapids*—Sebawa ch 4. *Lansing*—Sunfield ch 6. *Monroe*—First ch, Raisin, 24 50; 1st ch, Monroe 24 168 41

MINNESOTA.—*St Paul*—Westminster ch, Minneapolis, mon con 6 30

MISSOURI.—*Palmyra*—First ch, Memphis 2 50, *Platte*—Rosendale ch 2 50. *Potosi*—First ch, Irondale 3 20. *St Louis*—First ch, St Louis 50; Bethel ch 15 73 20

NEW JERSEY.—*Elizabeth*—Roselle ch 22 08; West ch, Summit 22 33, Sab-sch for Dr Davenport 15 = 147 33; Pluckamun ch 7 82; Clarks-ville ch 8; Westfield ch 44; 3d ch, Elizabeth 31 30; Summit Central ch 17 88. Clinton ch Sab-sch, for Dr Davenport 25; Bethlehem Sab-sch 21 32; Dunellen Sab-sch, for Mr Hutchinson's work in Mexico 36. *Jersey City*—Paterson Ger ch 10. *Monmouth*—First ch, Cranbury 130 20; Dayton ch 5 50; Tennent ch 1 00; Cream Ridge Sab-sch 10 50. *Morris and Orange*—East Orange ch, 69 40; Lower Valley ch 20; Boonton ch 320. *Newark*—Park ch 17 64; Calvary ch 23 42; Wickliffe ch 13 75; 3d ch 46 81; 1st Ger ch Sab-sch, Bloomfield 10. *New Brunswick*—Kingston ch 60 40; Stockton ch 6; Amwell 1st ch Sab-sch 5 92; Dutch Neck ch 20 71, Sab-sch

9 62. C N, Sab-sch 13 25, P, Sab-sch 6 42 = 50; Witherspoon St ch, Princeton 5 75. *Newton*—First ch, Belvidere 175, M S D C B 60 = 235. *West Jersey*—First ch, Cedarville 80, Sab-sch 86 36 = 106 36 1667 33

NEW YORK.—*Boston*—Londonderry ch 26 25. *Hudson*—Goodwill ch 23; West Farms ch 6 84; Washingtonville Sab-sch 8 97; Dama-cus ch 20 cents; Cohection ch 1 60; Hamptonburgh ch 16 40; Palmsades ch 3 37; 1st ch, Middletown 15 09; 2d ch, Middletown 45 32; Stony Point ch 16 41; Bethel Sab-sch 2. *New York*—First ch, New York 8547 64; 4th Ave ch 66 66; Ch of the Puritans, Harlem 20; Phillips ch 11 80; Dry Dock ch 6 25; Westminster Sab-sch 15; Washington Heights ch 16; Harlem ch 65; Brick ch Chapel 14 16; New York ch 20. *North River*—Newburgh Union ch 10; Newburg Calvary ch 18 79. Rondout ch 26 93. *Westchester*—Portchester ch 16; South Salem ch, mon ch 38; 1st ch, Peekskill 55 42; West Farms ch 22 32; 1st ch, Yonkers 21 93 9113 40

PACIFIC.—*Benicia*—Vallejo ch 23. *Oregon*—Pleasant Grove ch 5; Jackson County ch 20. *Sacramento*—Placerville ch 2 75. *San Francisco*—St John's ch 27 77 75

PHILADELPHIA.—*Chester*—New London ch 20; Wayne ch 2; Great Valley ch 17. *Lackawanna*—First ch Scranton, Juvenile Miss'y Soc'y, to sup Miss Fisher, Syria 137 50; Plymouth ch, mon ch 15 40. Sab-sch, for Dr Davenport 14 = 29 40; 1st ch Sab-sch, Towanda 38; Wilkes-barre ch, Coal Brook Sab-sch 12. *Lehigh*—First ch, Easton 100; Weatherly ch 4; Shenandoah 2 50. *Philadelphia*—Second ch Sab-sch, for Syria 40; 9th ch 100 20. Mrs E Murphy 5 = 105 20; South ch 20, Infant sch 30 = 50; Westminster ch 25; Walnut St ch Infant sch 22. *Philadelphia Central*—Kenning on Sab-sch 66 77; Tioga St ch 20. *Philadelphia North*—Port Kennedy ch 11 46; Newtown ch, for Papal Miss 9 44; Germantown ch's Union Meeting for Japan 13 54; 2d ch, Germantown 154 78; 1st ch, Bridesburg 11. *Westminster*—Slateville Sab-sch 39 50; Sylvan Retreat Sab-sch 5; York ch 487 75; Chanceryford ch 28 75, Sab-sch 36 = 64 75 1516 59

PITTSBURGH—*Blairsville*—Chatsworth ch, Mrs Fosdick, for her deceased son 10; Fairfield and Union chs 53 35. *Pittsburgh*—East Liberty ch 58 61; Lebanon ch 36 94; 4th ch, Pittsburgh 50; Sharon Sab-sch, for Dr Happer 16 14. *Redstone*—Laurel Hill Sab-sch 6 50; Mt Pleasant ch 6 26; Mt Pleasant Union ch 10 42. *Washington*—Fourth ch, Wheeling 2 30; Sab-sch 1 75 = 4 05; Bethlehem Sab-sch 2 50; 1st ch, Wheeling 39. Woman's Miss'y Soc'y, to sup Miss Morrison 125 = 164 424 77

TENNESSEE.—*Holston*—Salem Sab-sch, to sup Mars Yoseph 2 00

TOLEDO.—*Bellefontaine*—Bucyrus ch 6 52; 1st ch, West Liberty 5 85. *Huron*—Huron Sab-sch 1 25. *Lima*—Delphos ch 2 60. Sab-sch 2 = 4 60. *Maumee*—Hicksville ch 5 90; Hicksville Union ch 3 50; Weston ch 7 40; Westminster ch, Toledo 31 50 66 82

WESTERN NEW YORK.—*Buffalo*—Central ch, Buffalo 64 52. *Genesee*—Oakfield Sab-sch Miss'y Garden 10. *Genesee Valley*—Cuba ch 35. *Niagara*—Wilson ch 20 60; Niagara Falls ch 84 51. *Rochester*—Central ch, Rochester 86; Sweden ch 15 25; Groveland ch Sab-sch 16 69 332 69

WISCONSIN.—*Milwaukee*—West Granville ch 5; Otiawa ch 3 20; Delafield ch 2 34. *Wisconsin River*—Middleton ch 4; Prairie du Sac ch 107 20; Lodi ch 5 15; Pulaski ch 7 133 89

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Philadelphia 3600; Woman's For. Missionary Society, Northwest 437 85 347 85

Total receipts from churches in Nov. \$22,905 18

LEGACIES.—Legacy of Julia Adams, dec'd Chicago 3696 30; Botwick Estate 4000; Legacy of Edward Avery, dec'd Wooster 110; Legacy of Rufus King, Jefferson Co., N. Y., 800; Int on Bequest of Samuel Utter, dec'd 50; Champion Estate 502 56; Legacy of A D Patterson, D.D., dec'd, late of Oxford, Ohio, 500 9648 86

SYND OF REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Ref. Presb. ch, Bloom, Ill 19 75

MISCELLANEOUS.—E E Townsend, Painted Post, N. Y., 5; J J P Balch, Edgerton, Kan., 5; "H" 5; Mrs D J Davis, 2; A C, 1; Farmer Union Sab-sch, Ohio, 8 25; Mrs Rev E A Efeld, Freeport, Ill., 10; S D Cochran, Auburn, Ky., 10; A Friend, through Rev Dr Grier, 2; Hon E T Foote, New Haven, to con J H Foote, N. Y., *Life Member*, 30; W Hays, Mt Pleasant, Ill., 1; A little girl 10 cents; Lenox Collegiate Institute, Iowa 6; Elliesdie Sab-sch 10 25; Biddle Institute, N. C., 7 10, Sab-sch 10, for Africa; Proceeds of India shawl, for Debra School, 100; Mrs Miles, 2; C, Va., 20; Rel. Cont. Society, Princeton Seminary, 50 71; Lord's due, 80 cents 286 21

Total receipts in November 1873, \$32,800 00

Total receipts from May 1st, 1873, \$160,985 60

Of the amount acknowledged above, \$2461 16 was received through Committee on Benevolence and Finance.

WM. RANKIN, Treasurer,

23 Centre Street, New York.

LETTERS relating to the Missions, or other operations of the Board, may be addressed to the Rev. JOHN C. LOWRIE, Rev. DAVID IRVING, or Rev. FRANK F. ELLINWOOD, Secretaries, Mission House, 23 Centre street, New York.

LETTERS relating to the pecuniary affairs of the Board, or containing remittances of money, may be sent to WILLIAM RANKIN, Esq., Treasurer—same address.

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Siam.....	28 "
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Mexico.....	10 "
Chili.....	22 "

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THE FOREIGN MISSIONARY.—Two editions of this publication are printed. The Pamphlet edition is published monthly, at \$1.00 a year for each copy. It is sent free, when desired, to donors of ten dollars and upwards, and to the ministers of our churches.

Of the Newspaper edition, a copy is sent free of charge, except for postage, to the children of each family in every Sabbath-school making regular contributions to the Treasury of the Board.

Address for either edition, "The Foreign Missionary," Mission House, 23 Centre st., New York.

BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

No. 1334 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.

Letters relating to donations of books and tracts, the appointment of Colporteurs, and the general interests of the Board, to be addressed to the Rev. WILLIAM E. SCHENCK, D.D., *Corresponding Secretary*.

Manuscripts, and communications concerning matter offered for publication, whether for books or periodicals, to the Rev. JOHN W. DULLES, D.D., *Editorial Secretary*.

Letters relating to Sabbath-school work, to Mr. J. BENNET TYLER, Superintendent of Sabbath-school Work.

Correspondence of Colporteurs, remittances of money, and donations, to Mr. S. D. POWEL, Superintendent of Colportage and Treasurer.

Orders for Books (except from Colporteurs) and Business Correspondence, to Mr. JOHN A. BLACK. Subscriptions to *The Presbyterian Monthly Record*, *The Sabbath-School Visitor*, *The Presbyterian at Work*, *The Westminster Lesson Leaf*, and payments for the same, to Mr. PETER WALKER.

WHY IS IT?

EIGHT STRAIGHT QUESTIONS STRAIGHTLY ANSWERED.

I. Why an annual collection for the Board of Publication?

Ans. To do *Missionary Work* exclusively. Not a dollar from the churches goes to publish books. The business department pays its own way and has profits, as every business concern should.

II. What is the Missionary Work?

Ans. (a) *Sabbath-school Department*.—Gathering and tabulating statistics, securing denominational cooperation, and the true relation of the church to the Sabbath-school, organizing normal classes, holding institutes and conventions, and developing, uplifting, and making more efficient the entire Sabbath-school system.

(b) *Colportage Department*.—158 Colporteurs last year. Appointed by recommendation of Presbytery *always*. They labored last year within the bounds of 104 Presbyteries. They visited 150,000 families, conversing and praying with the majority of them. They scattered 70,000 precious volumes by sale, and organized many Sabbath-schools in destitute places.

(c) *Donation Department*.—The Colporteurs *gave away* last year over 20,000 volumes, or \$7000 worth of books, and three and a half million pages of tracts. The Missionary Committee of the Board *gave away* over 33,000 volumes, or \$10,000 worth of books, besides.

III. Why ought this work to be done?

Ans. (a) If the gospel, *as we believe it*, is worth anything, it is worth preaching by metallic type.

(b) The missionary fields *cry out* for it.

(c) Its *fruits* are glorious. These publications reach thousands of homes where the entrance of a good book is like a benediction.

IV. What business has this work *with the business*?

Ans. The missionary work is no apple *tied* to this apple tree. It came from the womb of necessity, and afterward *itself gave birth to the business*. The

cry at first was for doctrinal books and tracts to meet the infidelity and errors of false faiths throughout vast waste places West. The work grew and *made a business*. The business grew and helped the work. They go together as naturally as mother and child.

V. Why not do this work by outside agencies, such as the American Sunday-School Union and American Tract Society?

Ans. (a) Then we must emasculate all our religious literature by blotting out everything in it Calvinistic and Presbyterian.

(b) Then our missionaries and people would be shorn of one great weapon of *self-defence*. Books contravening our doctrine and order, and subversive of our faith, are scattered broadcast. We must have books to meet them or suffer immense harm.

VI. Why cannot this missionary work be done by the profits of the business?

Ans. (a) Why cannot two and two make five? Within the last twenty-four years this work has cost over \$140,000 *in excess of the profits*.

(b) As well ask why the Sunday-school Union, or the American Tract Society, or the Methodist Book Concern can't do *their* work by the *profits of THEIR business*.

(c) Suppose you *do* take the profits for this work and have no further collections, you must cut down this precious missionary work *three-fourths* and *keep down the capital* to its present deplorable insufficiency.

(d) But every dollar of these small profits is imperatively needed for the publication of new books.

VII. Why are the profits of the Board so small?

Ans. (a) Because of the present very inadequate working capital with which to carry on the business.

(b) Because the business pays for a great deal of church and mission work not strictly connected therewith.

(c) Because of limited market. Label a book Presbyterian, and you cut off the bigger part of the demand for it, outside of the Church.

(d) Because Presbyterians themselves have yet to learn that their Board is publishing *better and cheaper books* than most other houses, while furnishing the best religious books issued by all other houses at the lowest market rates.

VIII. What are the results of the Board's operations?

Ans. (a) A grand bulwark of Calvinistic faith. A catalogue of sound Calvinistic literature unequalled on the globe.

(b) Tens of thousands of homes beyond sanctuary influence reached.

(c) Thousands of watchmen on Zion's outer walls armed with needed weapons and strengthened for their work.

(d) Hundreds of thousands of God's poor provided with the best of religious reading *without money and without price*.

CONTRIBUTIONS NEEDED.

The financial crisis is beginning to make itself felt by our Board. Contributions for our Missionary work of colportage and gratuitous distribution have fallen off so largely that at its last meeting the Board felt constrained to adopt the following resolution:—

“That in view of the financial embarrassments now everywhere experienced, and also of the fact that the balance in our Missionary Fund is smaller than it was at this time last year, it is expedient for the present to curtail our gratuitous distributions and to decline commissioning new colporteurs except in very special cases.”

We hope that pastors, sessions, and other Christian friends will consider our necessities, and send us without delay such aid as may be in their power.

FROM A MISSIONARY FIELD.

Our brethren in the missionary fields of the far-west know how to appreciate the free-handed help given to them by the Board of Publication in the shape of supplies of books and tracts. The following resolution was adopted at a recent meeting of the Presbytery of Wyoming, held at Laramie, Wyoming Territory.

“As a Presbytery, we owe deep gratitude to the Board of Publication, whose invaluable aid has furnished us with those weapons and tools which we, as laborers in the frontier fields, stand in need of. We are thus greatly encouraged, as we are striving against pernicious doctrines, as well as watering and planting these waste places.”

TRUE BOOKS.

There are very many and very sensible people who desire books that are true to put into the hands of children, say from eight to twelve years of age. To such, we would commend the interesting Series prepared for the Board by Mrs. Julia McNair Wright, under the title of True Story Library No. 1, and True Story Library No. 2. They are pretty little volumes (32mo), with illustrations from original designs, and printed in large type, containing the histories of such men and women as Henry Martyn, David Brainerd, John Bunyan, John Knox, Renee of Farara, Louisa Schceffer, &c. Each series contains twelve books, and is sold for \$3.00. Nothing better for Infant Schools can be found.

WHAT A SMALL SEED PRODUCED.

The village of Lodi, Wisconsin, and its vicinity, have been blessed during the past three months with a wonderful revival of religion, which has resulted in the addition of one hundred and twelve members to our church in that place. I am informed that this revival commenced in a mission Sabbath-school organized by a colporteur of our Board of Publication, and radiated from that point. Precious fruit has come from the dropping of this little seed from the hands of an humble colporteur.—*Calvin in the Presbyterian.*

PRESBYTERIAN CHRISTIAN LITERATURE.

The Rev. Dr. Berkley, of Dublin, Ireland, a distinguished member of the recent Evangelical Alliance, in speaking to the Synod of Philadelphia, laid great emphasis on the value of *Colportage*, especially on the work of trained men in this department of Christian work. He stated that in Ireland they depended largely on the efforts of colporteurs to meet the inroads of Romanism and of High-church exclusiveness, *and very greatly on the distribution of the positive Christian literature of the Presbyterian Church.* We believe that such dependence is as reasonable for America as for Ireland. Why should we not preach and teach what we fully believe to be the doctrines of God's word, in tracts and books distributed in the homes of the people by the colporteur, as well as in the pulpit?

Of the "Walk to the Communion Table," by the Rev. James R. Boyd, D.D., (price 50 cents,) the Rev. M. R. Vincent, D.D., of New York, writes: "I have no hesitation in saying that I think it well adapted to its purpose, and calculated to do much good. The author has seized upon and clearly resolved some, if not all the principal difficulties which beset young converts, especially in their approach to the solemn feast, and which every pastor finds himself compelled to meet by pulpit ministration and personal counsel. I see nothing in it that I cannot cordially commend. The spirit is everything that could be desired, the suggestions practical and simple, the great subjects of thought clearly brought out, and the difficulties kindly explained. I trust the Master will use it as a means of comfort and edification to many."

DONATIONS TO THE MISSIONARY FUND OF THE PRESBYTERIAN BOARD OF PUBLICATION,
NOVEMBER 1873.

☞ Synods in SMALL CAPITALS—Presbyteries in *italics*—Churches in Roman.

ALBANY.—*Champlain*—Chateaugay 4. *Troy*—
Fort Edward 3 7 00
ATLANTIC.—*Catawba*—Concord 20. *Yadkin*—
Statesville 1 53 21 53
BALTIMORE.—*Baltimore*—Baltimore, Westmin-
ster 20 46; Mt. Airy (harmony) 5 25 46
CENTRAL NEW YORK.—*St Lawrence*—Heuvelton
5. *Utica*—New Hartford 16 67 21 67
CINCINNATI.—*Cincinnati*—Cincinnati 7th 5
CLEVELAND.—*Mahoning*—Canton 15. *St Clairs-*
ville—Merristown, add'l 6 05. *Steubenville*—
Harlem 13 34 05
COLUMBUS.—*Athens*—Warren 7. *Zanesville*—
Fairmount 1 8 00
ERIE.—*Erie*—Petroleum Centre 15 85
GEORGEA.—*Cayuga*—Auburn 1st 61 87. *Genova*—
Ithaca 8 25; *Konulus* 9. *Steuben*—Cohocton 2
81 12
HARRISBURGH.—*Carlisle*—Middle Spring 10;
Petersburgh 3. *Huntingdon*—Huntingdon 76 50
89 50
ILLINOIS, CENTRAL.—*Bloomington*—Piper City 6.
Peoria—Lewistown ch Sab-sch 113 57. *Schuyler*
—Bardolph 2 121 57
IOWA, SOUTH.—*Council Bluffs*—Hamburg, add'l
2 00
KANSAS.—*Highland*—Frankfort 2; Vermillion
3 5 00
LONG ISLAND.—*Nassau*—Jamaica 34 75; Ros-
lyn 5 39 75
MISSOURI.—*Ozark*—Springfield, add'l 10. *St*
Louis—Salem Ger 5 15 00

NEW JERSEY.—*Elizabeth*—Elizabeth 2d 120 94.
Newark—Newark Roseville 103 50. *Newton*—
Musconetcong Valley 10. *West Jersey*—Berlin
10 244 44
NEW YORK.—*Hudson*—Centreville 3. *West-*
chester—New Rochelle 10 13 00
PACIFIC.—*Benicia*—Vallejo 32 00
PHILADELPHIA.—*Philadelphia*—Philadelphia,
Calvary 10. *Philadelphia Central*—Philadelphia,
Northern Liberties 1st, 25. *Philadelphia North*
—Germantown 2d 24 55. *Westminster*—Bellevue
13; *Chanceford*, add'l 10; *Monegan* 5 87 55
TENNESSEE.—*Union*—Spring Place 3 25
TOLEDO.—*Bellefontaine*—Kenton 10 02. *Huron*
—Clyde 3; *Fremont* 5; *Melmore* 3 30 21 32
WESTERN NEW YORK.—*Genesee*—Elba 11 50
WISCONSIN.—*Milwaukee*—West Granville 4.
Winnebago—Horicon (of which Rev G. W. Lloyd
3) 7 40. *Wisconsin River*—Pulaski Ger 5 16 40
COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE AND FINANCE 346 71

From churches \$1268 67

LEGACY.

Legacy (add'l) of Hon Edward Avery dec'd,
late of Ohio 100 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Rev S. N. Robinson, North Walton, N. Y. 5;
"A lady" by Rev Dr. Schenck 10 15 00

Total receipts in November \$1383 67

S. D. POWEL, Treasurer.

BOARD OF CHURCH ERECTION.

Corresponding Secretary, REV. H. R. WILSON, D.D., 23 Centre Street, New York.
Treasurer, NATHAN LANE, Esq., 69 Wall Street.

HOW SHALL THE NUMBER OF CONTRIBUTING CHURCHES BE INCREASED?

This is a question in which all our Boards and the world at large are concerned.

We have, in almost every issue of our religious papers, an arithmetical calculation of what our church members are doing *per capita*, or what they might do if all would give at some fixed rate. For instance, in the last number of the *Record*, a Secretary of the Foreign Board says, "If each member of the church would give three cents per week (for Foreign Missions) their receipts from that source would be \$604,000 (he ought to have said \$736,355). But it must be borne in mind that of these 4802 churches reported in the Minutes of the General Assembly, not less than 500, embracing probably 25,000 members, are *without houses of worship*, and many of them without the stated means of grace, hence they are doing little or nothing for any of the Boards, because they are utterly unable. Now if these 500 churches are ever to be brought into line and added to the number of contributing churches, they must not only have the occasional visit of a missionary, but also a *Christian Home—a House of God*, in which they may be *planted—take root—grow and bring forth fruit* to the glory of God, in the further extension of His cause. In the calculation we propose, we will omit these 500 shelterless churches, and say, If the 452,023 church members who are comfortably housed and cared for would give us for Church Erection an average of one and one-half cents per week, it would enable us (together with what they themselves would raise) to secure a house of worship for each of these 500 homeless churches that are doing nothing for the Boards, and place them in a condition to do something for Christ's cause; and if they raised but \$25 each, it would add \$12,500 to the Lord's treasury, and by becoming self-supporting, would save the funds of the Home Board perhaps \$50,000 more. How will that do as an *object lesson for the blackboard*?

A BAD MEMORY.

It is a sad affliction to lose one's recollection. The Bible enjoins it upon us to "Stir up each other's mind, *by way of remembrance*," "and this will we do." One of the conditions upon which the Board of Church Erection makes its appropriations, is *an annual collection to be sent to the Board*. Every church that has received aid from our Treasury during the last three years has (through their Trustees) given us their *written pledge* to this effect, which is on file in our office. And yet (through forgetfulness, we suppose,) no less than *one hundred and six* of the churches aided have sent us nothing for two years, and *thirty-seven* of them nothing for three years. Reader, is your church one of these? If so, please take this *gentle hint*.

Another item of information to applicants. Our appropriations are limited to regularly *organized churches*—to such as are incorporated and have complied with the direction of the General Assembly (see *Minutes* for 1871, page 551,) by sending a collection to the Board.

Attention to these rules will prevent delay and disappointment. Churches that have received aid should bear in mind their deliberate engagement to keep their property insured. Some of the policies have expired, and should be renewed forthwith. This can be done cheaper and more securely at New York than elsewhere, and will be attended to by the Board at the request of the churches.

As has often been stated, the appropriations of this Board are not paid in *advance*, but upon the completion of the building and when all other debts have been paid, save that which the Board's money will satisfy. In many cases this makes hard work for the builders, and requires them to practise much self-denial. Nevertheless we are compelled to this by the inadequacy of our means to meet in full the wants of those who apply to us, and secondly, to prevent the incurring of debt which would be so disastrous to these feeble churches. An extract from a letter now before me is in point. The church had applied for \$1000, and was endorsed by Presbytery for this amount. (It is much easier for Presbyteries to

endorse *large applications*, than to send us *large collections*.) The Board granted all their means would justify—\$500. On being informed of this the church writes as follows:

"We are in receipt of yours of the 11th inst. Our hearts are rejoiced at the aid you have granted. We will be very sorely put to to complete our house with this amount from you, but we trust we shall be benefited by our self-denial, and that the cause of our Lord may be strengthened here. There is only *one* church building in our town for all denominations, and it a poor, little, uncomfortable place, where many of the people will not go. It pains our hearts to see these precious souls remain from church, and trusting in God for help, we have resolved to provide a place for them, where they may hear the gospel; but we are too weak to do it of ourselves. By means of lectures, sociables, &c., we have been raising from \$50 to \$100 per month. By withholding your appropriation until the last, we cannot get into our house for a year, and now we are worshipping in a house where we are not wanted, and where we cannot prosper. If you will allow us to leave the basement unfinished, we will complete the upper part, so as to have preaching and Sabbath-school there, and next year we will finish the basement all free of debt. For the sake of the Master and the cause we labor for, give us a loophole to crawl out of our present distress, that we may get into our house of worship. I have given \$500 myself out of an income of little more than \$1200, and have bought a \$200 organ on a year's time, to present to the church on the day of dedication, and my wife and I will give you our individual bond that in 1874 the house shall be completed and every cent paid up. Brother C—, on a salary of \$600, gives us \$250. Thus you may see our desire, and we feel assured that God will bless us. Please write soon."

Yes, God will surely bless such a people. O that we had in the church more of this spirit of consecration to the Master!

DONATIONS TO THE BOARD OF CHURCH ERECTION, NOVEMBER 1873.

☞ Synods in SMALL CAPITALS—Presbyteries in *italics*—Churches in Roman.

- ALBANY.—*Troy*—Waterford 1st, add'l 23 44; Whitehall 1st 15.
BALTIMORE.—*Baltimore*—Baltimore, Westminster 51 17; Barton 11; Lonaconing 13. *New Castle*—Milford 17 10; Red Clay Creek 20.
CINCINNATI.—*Chillicothe*—Hillsboro 61 80. *Cincinnati*—Bethel 9; Cincinnati, Lane Seminary 138 31; Sharonville 12; Springdale 15.
CLEVELAND.—*Steubenville*—Richmond 4 46.
COLUMBUS.—*Wooster*—Chippewa 7 36; Marshallville 1st 10 55.
ERIE.—*Allegheny*—Allegheny North 60; Concord 3; Cross Roads 14 41; Highlands 13 16; Natrona 3. *Butler*—Clintonville 6; Martinsburgh 5 20. *Erie*—Petroleum Centre 8. *Kittanning*—Centre 5. *Shenango*—Unity 28.
GENEVA.—*Chemung*—Rock Stream 3. *Geneva*—Ithaca 1st 24 50; Penn Yan 50. *Steuben*—Cochecton 6; Prattsburgh 1st 15; Pultney 10.
HARRISBURGH.—*Carlisle*—Chambersburg, Falling Spring 100; Petersburg 5. *Huntingdon*—East Kishacoquillas 40; Huntingdon 32 65; Middle Tuscarora 13 75. *Northumberland*—Bloomsburg 1st, sp 22; Grove 13.
ILLINOIS, CENTRAL.—*Bloomington*—Piper City 11. *Peoria*—Knoxville 15. *Schuyler*—Chili 1; Macomb 11 50.
ILLINOIS, NORTH.—*Rock River*—Aledo 1st 10.
ILLINOIS, SOUTH.—*Alton*—Alton 1st 22 25.
INDIANA, NORTH.—*Crawfordsville*—Crawfordsville, Centre 30. *Fort Wayne*—Fort Wayne 1st 76 30.
INDIANA, SOUTH.—*New Albany*—Jackson County Ger 3.
IOWA, NORTH.—*Dubuque*—Prairie 2. *Fort Dodge*—Moingona 10. *Waterloo*—Cedar Valley 2; Pisgah 5; Point Pleasant 3 12.
IOWA, SOUTH.—*Des Moines*—Chariton ch and Sab-sch 10. *Iowa City*—Ladora 2 50. *Nebraska City*—Falls City 1st 10; Fairmount 5.
KANSAS.—*Austin*—Denison 5. *Topeka*—Edger-ton 7 50.
MICHIGAN.—*Detroit*—Ypsilanti 1st 70.
MINNESOTA.—*St Paul*—Rice's Point 5.
MISSOURI.—*Palmyra*—Kirksville 13. *Platte*—Chillicothe 11 50; Rockport 4. *St Louis*—Kirkwood 18 35; Salem Ger 5.
NEW JERSEY.—*Elizabeth*—Summit Central 3 59; Baskingridge, sp 100. *Jersey City*—Jersey City, Claremont, sp 40; Paterson 2d, sp 14 93; *Monmouth*—Farmingdale 5. *Morris and Orange*—Mt Freedom 11 53; Orange 2d. (in par) 251. *Newark*—Caldwell 55 04. *Newton*—Musconetcong Valley 18; North Hardiston 25. *West Jersey*—Greenwich 47 08.
NEW YORK.—*Hudson*—Centreville, add'l 13. *New York*—New York 1st 5721 37; 1 The New York ch 8.
PACIFIC.—*Sacramento*—Placerville 5.
PHILADELPHIA.—*Lackawanna*—Scranton 1st, sp 250; *Lehigh*—Lehigh-ton 1st 1 30. *Philadelphia*—Philadelphia 9th 68 09.
PITTSBURGH.—*Blairsville*—Cross Roads 23. *Pittsburgh*—Oakdale 5. *Washington*—Cross Roads 9 33; Fairview 20. *West Virginia*—Pleasant Flats 2 20; Point Pleasant 1; Upper Flats 1 80.
TENNESSEE.—*Kingston*—Kingston, Bethel, add'l 9 15.
TOLEDO.—*Huron*—Fremont, add'l 4 50. *Lima*—Van Wert 8.
CENTRAL NEW YORK.—*Binghamton*—McGrawville 25.
WESTERN NEW YORK.—*Buffalo*—Panama 5. *Genesee*—Oakfield 5. *Rochester*—Tuscarora and Union Corners 4 50.
WISCONSIN.—*Milwaukee*—West Granville 4; Milwaukee, Bethany 7. *Wisconsin River*—Fancy Creek 2 15; Richland Centre 4; Richland City 2 50.
COMMITTEE ON BENEFICENCE AND FINANCE 541 95.
MISCELLANEOUS.—Rev E Garland, O. 50; From "Julia" sp for Helena ch, Montana Ter 1; From Sale of Lake View ch, Wis 104 60; on account of Sale of Waseca ch, Minn 448 25.
LEGACIES.
From Estate of Julia Adams, late of Chicago, Ill, 3730; On account of legacy of Mrs. Cornelia H L Brown, late of Ill, 29 45.
Total receipts in November, 1873 \$12,960 18
NATHAN LANE, Treasurer.

RELIEF FUND FOR DISABLED MINISTERS,
AND THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF DECEASED MINISTERS.

REV. GEORGE HALE, D.D., *Secretary.*

REV. CHARLES BROWN, *Treasurer.*

OFFICE, 1334 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.

"Withhold not good from them to whom it is due when it is in the power of thy hand to do it."

MONEY WELL APPLIED.

Those who are aided by the Relief Fund do what they can for themselves. The amounts distributed by the church are for the most part supplementary. How some of these families manage to subsist may be gathered from the following letter:

"Your kind note enclosing the draft was thankfully received. I do not know that it is proper for me to enter into particulars as to my present state of health and circumstances; and yet if I can do so without being tedious, it may be a gratification to your Committee to know that your benefactions are with us a *necessity*. I am utterly unable to do anything that is positively remunerative, though I have performed colporteur labor for about three months, visiting some three hundred families contiguous to my home, and disposing of two hundred and fifty dollars worth of publications. My wife teaches a writing-school for which she receives a small compensation. My oldest boy is preparing for college, and at the same time tending a store. My other son will, the coming year, we hope, be placed in a situation to provide for himself. And yet, with all our labor and the strictest economy, *our expenses* the past year were eight hundred dollars, which sum provided for a family of ten.

"With the help of kind friends, we have kept clear of debt, which we should not have been able to do, if it had not been for the aid we are receiving from your society. We do not see how we can live without a continuance of this annuity. Gladly would we relinquish it in favor of those more needy, if we felt that we could do so without distressing ourselves, and possibly shortening life, which God may yet employ in *His* service.

"Presuming, dear brother, that you will receive the impression from what we have said, that your Fund has not been inappropriately applied by bestowing upon ourselves the portion of it which we receive, and praying that God's blessing may descend upon the donors and officers of your Society and the dear Church with which we are connected, we remain respectfully and affectionately yours."
Signed by both husband and wife.

A WORD TO THE CLERGY.

The duty of providing for the men who have served the church in the ministry needs to be explained and enforced from the *pulpit*. It will surely be neglected unless it be pressed home on the hearts and consciences of gospel hearers. *The ground will not yield unless it be tilled.* The preacher who will faithfully cultivate this part of the field will gather a rich harvest. He himself will receive a blessing, and the people who for Jesus' sake remember His straitened servants or their needy families, will be plentifully rewarded.

Brethren of the ministry, (and of the eldership too,) will you not take hold of this cause of the Relief Fund *in earnest*, and with united hands and hearts *give to it the place it deserves to hold as a branch of our church-work.*

By request the Committee state that all gifts for special objects invariably take the direction indicated by the donors. *Do not send bank bills by mail:* and in remitting funds, do not write "treasurer" on the outside of the letter.

CONTRIBUTIONS IN NOVEMBER 1873.

☞ Synods in SMALL CAPITALS—Presbyteries in *italics*—Churches in Roman.

ALBANY.—*Albany*—Johnstown 50. *Champain*—Au Sable Forks 11; Chateaugay 10. *Columbia*—Jewett 15 10. *Troy*—Fort Edward 7; Lansingburgh, Olivet 14 80.

BALTIMORE.—*Baltimore*—Baltimore, Westminster 56 05; Govane Chapel 17 04; Taneytown 16 84. *New Castle*—Lower Brandywine 8 60; New Castle 57. *Washington City*—Washington 6th, Miss'y Soc'y 20.

CENTRAL NEW YORK.—*Binghamton*—Cortland 1st 37 10. *Otsego*—Gilbertsville 21. *St Lawrence*—Brasher Falls 9; Watertown, Stone St 40. *Syracuse*—Baldwinsville 1st 26 06. *Utica*—Camden 1st 70; Rome 36 05.

CINCINNATI.—*Chillicothe*—Wilkesville 5. *Cincinnati*—Cincinnati. Central 164 40. *Dayton*—Osborn 3 60; Oxford 20.

CLEVELAND.—*St Clairsville*—Bealsville 7; Nottingham 17 15; Woodfield 5.

COLUMBUS.—*Athens*—Warren 1st 7. *Wooster*—Jackson 19 25; Perrysville 4. *Zanesville*—Fairmount 1; Homer 3 70; Putnam 58.

ERIE.—*Allegheny*—Allegheny 1st 114 36; Fairmount 6 70; Plains 5. *Butler*—Butler 44. *Erie*—Fairfield 10; Getztown 6; Girard 1st 12. *Kittanning*—Appleby Manor 2 60; Concord 13; Currie's Run 16 86; Rayne 4; Saltsburgh 31 24. *Shenango*—Beaver Falls 14; Pulaski 4 20.

GENEVA.—*Geneva*—Canoga 12; Geneva 1st 66 85; Ithaca 1st 34 75; Manchester 1st 6. *Steubenville*—Prattsburgh 1st 20.

HARRISBURGH.—*Carlisle*—Carlisle 1st 83 52; Carlisle 2d 40 12; Chambersburgh, Falling Spring 150; Harrisburgh, Pine St 89; Middle Spring 20; Petersburgh 5. *Huntingdon*—East Kishacoquillas 31 50; Huntingdon 71 15; Mifflintown and Lost Creek 63 03; Peru 6; Sinking Valley 19 19; Tyrone 30; Upper Tuscarora 16 40. *Northumberland*—Berwick 7 25; Lock Haven 2d 6; Orangeville 3 32; Raven Creek 3; Washington 14 25.

ILLINOIS, CENTRAL.—*Bloomington*—Gilman (Sabach 1) 10; Piper City 5. *Peoria*—Prospect 21. *Schuyler*—Chili 5. *Springfield*—Jacksonville, Westminster 27 65.

ILLINOIS, NORTH.—*Rock River*—Edwards 2; Viola 3

ILLINOIS, SOUTH.—*Alton*—Butler 8 30; Carrolton 31 31; Marine 4.

INDIANA, NORTH.—*Crawfordsville*—Crawfordsville, Centre 20; Frankfort 17 40; Waveland 10. *Logansport*—Michigan City 17 85; Plymouth 6 35.

INDIANA, SOUTH.—*Indianapolis*—Indianapolis 5th 10; Putnamville 6 40; Shiloh 3. *New Albany*—Jefferson 2; Jeffersonville 41 30; Pleasant Township 2.

IOWA, NORTH.—*Dubuque*—Dubuque 2d 30; Winthrop 7.

IOWA, SOUTH.—*Council Bluffs*—Hamburg 1. *Iowa*—Bloomfield 3.

KANSAS.—*Emporia*—Emporia 1st 7 12.

KENTUCKY.—*Louisville*—Owensboro 1st 51 65.

LONG ISLAND.—*Brooklyn*—Brooklyn, Ainslie St 40; Brooklyn, Lafayette Ave 241 01. *Long Island*—Bridgehampton 17; Westhampton 15. *Nassau*—Foster's Meadow Ger 3; Roslyn 10.

MICHIGAN.—*Detroit*—Plainfield 5 62; Stockbridge 5 20; Unadilla 1st 4; Ypsilanti 1st 28 53.

MINNESOTA.—*Mankato*—Le Sueur 2 74.

MISSOURI.—*Palmyra*—Kirksville 6. *Platte*—Rockport 3. *St Louis*—Salem Ger 5.

NEW JERSEY.—*Elizabeth*—Lamington 50; Perth Amboy 30; Plainfield 2d 82 12. *Monmouth*—Jacksonville 2 50. *Morris and Orange*—Boonton 23; Mt Freedom 14 20. *New Brunswick*—Hamilton Square 9 10; Lambertville 40; Princeton 2d 55. *Newton*—La Fayette 7; Musconetcong Valley 18.

NEW YORK.—*Hudson*—Amity 16; Circleville 13; Florida 2d 8. *New York*—Mount Washington 81 65; New York 14th St 72 07; New York, New York 8; New York University Place, (balance) 235 25. *North River*—Bethlehem 20. *Westchester*—Hartford 1st 52; South East 8.

PACIFIC.—*San Francisco*—Brooklyn 19 42.

PHILADELPHIA.—*Chester*—Darby 1st 8 25; Great Valley 17. *Lackawanna*—Carbondale 35. *Lehigh*—Easton 1st 64; Shawnee 5. *Philadelphia*—Philadelphia 2d, ad'1 10; Philadelphia Calvary 305; Philadelphia Woodland 28 86; Philadelphia, Walnut St 95 13. *Philadelphia, Central*—Philadelphia, Green Hill 97 40; Philadelphia West Arch St 48 30. *Philadelphia, North*—Germanatown 1st 220; Germantown 2d 93 75; Newton "E" 50; Port Kennedy 12 60.

PITTSBURGH.—*Blairsville*—Blairsville 30 45; Greensburgh 19 50. *Pittsburgh*—Hazlewood 13 23; Lawrenceville 100; Mt Washington 8; Pittsburgh 7th 13 11; Pittsburgh Central 56. *Redstone*—New Providence 15; West Newton 23 90. *Washington*—Mount Prospect 18.

TENNESSEE.—*Union*—Hopewell 3 60.

TOLEDO.—*Bellefontaine*—Belle Centre 8 68; Huntsville 2 72. *Huron*—Milan 25. *Lima*—Ada 3 30; Findlay 1st 30 25; Van Wert 1st 5.

WESTERN NEW YORK.—*Buffalo*—Clarence 10; Panama 5. *Niagara*—Albion 27 60; Niagara Falls 50.

WISCONSIN.—*Milwaukee*—Bethany 4; Waukesha 1st 21 73; West Granville 5. *Wisconsin River*—Richland Centre 10.

FROM THE COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE AND FINANCE 385 94.

MISCELLANEOUS.

N. Y. Dobbs' Ferry, from "C" 5; N. Y. Newark, Rev J R Young 30; N. Y. New York City, Wm. F Moller, Esq 200; Int on Permanent Fund, per Wm E Tenbrook, Esq 720 20; Int on Permanent Fund, per George H Van Gelder, Esq 189 15; Pa, Wernersville, Mrs Mary A Lee, sp 10; Pa, Chambersburg, Anonymous for two special cases 5; From "a friend" per Dr Grier 2; Pa, Catasauqua, from Miss Smith, sp 5; N. Y, Yates, David Mc Munigie, sp 7; Mrs H Newkirk, sp for W and M 40; Rev J Hunt 20; Money refunded 175; N. Y, New York City, from Mrs Sarah Bartholomew 100; from "S" 2; Int on Permanent Fund, per Wm E Tenbrook, Esq 137 50; Per "Presbyterian" from "Thankfulness" 1; Bridge Hampton, "from friends" 5; Ohio, Tappan, T H Pitts 10; N. Y, New York City, M A Morrison 10; From "a friend", 2; From a "lady" per Rev Wm E Schenck, D.D 10; N. Y, North Walton, Rev S N Robinson 5.

Total receipts in November, 1873 \$7134 94

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN.

REV. A. C. McCLELLAND, *Cor. Secretary*, Box 1246, Pittsburgh, Pa.

REV. JAS. ALLISON, D.D., *Treasurer*, Lock Box 43, Pittsburgh, Pa.

E. G. WOODWARD, Esq., *Receiving Agent*, 1334 Chestnut street, Philadelphia.

FINANCIAL.—It should be known and remembered by all, that our Committee, in making out its schedule of work for each year, is guided, as to how much may be undertaken, by the amount of the regular contributions given to its department of church-work during the year preceding that for which the schedule is made. In doing this, it has been considered reasonable and safe to reckon that during the year for which the estimate is made, as much, at least, will be given as was given during the year that preceded, and commissions are issued and work is undertaken accordingly. It will readily be perceived then that if churches and individuals contributing to our general work last year fail to give as much this year, one of two things must follow—*debt*, or *recalling of missionaries* already in the field—unless funds can be realized from other sources. The former is certainly very undesirable, and the latter would be an injury both to the work and to the missionaries recalled. We make these statements just now because collections already received from churches heretofore among the most liberal, fall far short of their former amounts. Is it beyond our sphere to suggest that there may be danger, lest retrenchment here shall be more than the Master will approve?

SCOTIA SEMINARY.—*From the principal Lady Teacher:*—"We are now in full working order, with sixty-three boarders—seventy-five in all, (including day pupils,) and still have new applicants for admittance. Yesterday a gentleman sent us his little daughter, twelve years of age, with a kind letter, saying he wished to give her a liberal education, and wished us to take charge of her in vacation, promising to provide for her. The child is so beautiful, how could we help but take her in? We had not three inches of room; so we made her a little bed up in the little attic. Every one says, 'How beautiful and pleasant she is!' Everything goes on pleasantly. We all had a nice Thanksgiving—good dinners, nuts, candy, &c. The girls enjoyed it highly. We had a good letter from the ladies of Dr. S——'s church yesterday. They hope that when the pressure lifts our buildings will go up." The number of pupils named above might indicate to those not "posted" that additional room was not a first necessity here. The present seminary building, however, is *very* small, and the number in attendance is accommodated only by a *crowding* process, which, however undesirable, the great anxiety of these daughters of the lowly to enjoy the privileges of the school makes it almost impossible to resist. A suitable main building is an important necessity, and the lack of more funds makes it, as yet, impracticable to command the benefit of generous offers already made for this purpose. Who will help—at least "When the pressure lifts?"

MISSIONARIES.—Our Missionaries report monthly, on the first of each, for that which precedes; and we trust that the following extracts, taken from as many reports of the last month, some from white, and some from colored, and just as they come in, will not be without interest to our readers.

PROMISING.—"5th Sabbath at the new church in Union county, 30 miles away, 6 admissions by letter. This new church is doing well, and gives promise of becoming a strong church. They expect to put up a meeting house 30 by 40 without any aid . . . and pay Mr. B." (catechist student in Biddle Institute) "from two to five dollars a month for this winter, so that he will visit them once a month."

A MISSION—*By a mission church.*—"I suppose you will be somewhat surprised when I tell you that our church has a mission in successful operation in the lower part of the city. I will not promise much until I find whether anything will come out of it or not. I am putting our young men to work. The people of our church have built a little house 15 by 20. This being too small for our congregations, we talk of putting eight or ten feet more to it. If the Lord is with us, something will come out of it. I will keep you posted."

YOUNG MEN AT WORK.—"We are having weekly prayer-meetings which are being held by the young men of our church, and it works finely. They are

taking quite a lively interest in the meetings, and I think much good will grow out of them."

PROGRESS.—"During the month I have preached twelve sermons, and taken into the church eighteen members; baptized fourteen adults and ten infants; and travelled a little over three hundred miles in my buggy, besides going to Synod.

"At Melina yesterday, we held communion, and organized a church of seventy-six members."

CHEERING.—"November—with the reception of eleven bright hopeful converts into the communion of the church at C——, with us passed out gloriously. After a sermon on 'the great things the Lord has done for us,' with many tears, deep emotions, and wrapt attention we met at deacon C——'s house to receive the candidates, and left the congregation in the church. It was very interesting and refreshing to hear them relate their religious experience. One said, 'My sins weighed me down.' Another, after conversion, said, 'Jesus is sweet.' Another said, 'Christ is sweet and precious.' Another said, 'His sins were very heavy.' Taking them altogether, their evidences of conversion were unusually bright and clear. Glorious work. 'Praise the Lord.'"

THANKSGIVING, AND PRAYER FOR MONEY.—"The Sabbath-School books sent through Mr. Samuel White I have received, from Dunlap, Illinois. I am very much obliged to you, and also to Mr. White for sending them to us. I am obliged to you for the draft," (salary.) "There were prayers offered in all our churches (5) on Thanksgiving day, in behalf of the Committee, that they may be successful in raising means to carry out all their work."

HOPEFUL SIGNS.—"The attendance upon the services (public) is very encouraging, and the attention gratifying. . . . The increased attendance upon the services of the prayer-meetings during the past month is another very encouraging feature; and the Christian people seem to pray with more earnestness and fervor. The financial troubles have caused very many to see the utter folly of putting their hopes in the riches of this world, and they are now drawing near to God."

PROTRACTED MEETING.—"Our meeting at W—— is still in progress. We also have reason to believe that ten souls have been hopefully brought to a saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. There will be several more to be added to the church to-morrow night."

DONATIONS AT PITTSBURGH FOR FREEDMEN IN NOVEMBER 1873.

☞ Synods in SMALL CAPITALS—Presbyteries in *italics*—Churches in Roman.

ALBANY.—*Albany*—Jefferson 3 44.
 COLUMBUS.—*Zanesville*—Jersey 5; Fairmount 1.
 Wooster—Ebericksburg, for Scotia building 100.
 Marion—Delhi 4.
 ERIE.—*Kittanning*—Concord 12 28. *Allgheny*—
 Highlands 17 74; Bridgewater 12 18 *Shenango*—
 Hermon 34 80; Mt Pleasant 20; Westfield 100. *Erie*—
 Eriduboro 40.
 GENEVA.—*Geneva*—Oaks Corners 5.
 HARRISBURGH.—*Northumberland*—A friend, Or-
 angeville, Pa 5. *Huntingdon*—Peru 3.
 ILLINOIS, CENTRAL.—*Peoria*—Lewistown 33 35.
 ILLINOIS, SOUTH.—*Cairo*—Pisgah 8.
 INDIANA, NORTH.—*Crawfordsville*—Bethany 8.
 INDIANA, SOUTH.—*New Albany*—Hanover 8.
 IOWA, NORTH.—*Dubuque*—Prairie 2.
 IOWA, SOUTH.—*Iowa*—Kirkville 5.
 MICHIGAN.—*Lansing*—The Coral Band of 2d ch
 of Lansing 25.
 MISSOURI.—*Palmyra*—Kirksville 7.
 NEW JERSEY.—*Newton*—Branchville 24 45. *New*
Brunswick—Lambertville 25. *Mommouth*—Allen-
 town 50. *Jersey City*—Norwood 5 60.
 PHILADELPHIA.—*Philadelphia, North*—Doylestown
 17 72.
 PITTSBURGH.—*West Virginia*—Breckenridge, from
 Mrs S J 5.
 TOLEDO.—*Huron*—Freemont 2 75. *Lima*—Syd-
 ney 9.
 UTICA.—*Utica*—Alder and Forestport 1. *St Law-*
rence—Cape Vincent 5.

WISCONSIN.—*Wisconsin River*—Rockville Ger 2;
 Hurricane 6 cents. *Milwaukee*—Cato 1 45. *Win-*
nebago—First ch, Oshkosh 7.

MISCELLANEOUS.—*Havanna* ch, N Y 6 16; J M New-
 ell, Placerville, Cal, for Miss Bausman 10; Dorcas
 Gouldy, Albion, Ill, for Scotia 20; 1st ch Portland,
 Oregon 35 45; T S Parker, Kingston, Pa 1; Savings
 of a colored boy dec'd, per Rev. T C Perry, 1 21; 1st
 ch Elizabeth, N J, 193 10; A friend, Herkimer
 county, N Y 1; Hannibal ch N Y 30; Rev Luke
 Dorland, for Scotia Seminary, from friends, Mans-
 field, Ohio 25, Juvenile Miss'y Soc'y of 1st ch North-
 ern Liberties, Philadelphia, Pa 20, Mrs H M Storrs,
 Brooklyn, N Y, for scholarship 40, The Misses
 Thurston of Dr Storrs' ch, Brooklyn, N Y, on schol-
 arship 20, Jo on main building 60 = 150; Wil-
 mington ch, Los Angeles 60 cents; Rev J S Gilmer,
 Titusville, N J 5; M W P Lagow, Princeton, Ind 10;
 Hamilton Scott, Adams Mills, Ohio 10; Catherine
 Scott, Adams Mills, Ohio 2 50; Margaret Scott,
 Adams Mills, Ohio 2 60; Cornwall ch, U River 40;
 3d ch, Fort Wayne, Ind 20; M A Lee, Wernersville,
 Pa 10; German ch, Galena, Ill 2 80; R 2; 1st ch,
 Duluth, Minn 3; Westminster ch, Baltimore, Md
 24 72; O G Caruthers, Frankfort Springs, Pa 5 60;
 Mrs N Culbertson, Mt Vernon, Ohio, 5; 2d ch,
 Zanesville, Ohio 20; bloomingburg ch, Ohio 14; 1st
 ch Bloomfield, N J 61; Mrs M G P, East Derry, N H
 25; A C C, East Derry, N H 25; Gosben ch, Ohio 4.

COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE AND FINANCE, 314 41

Total Receipts in November, \$1606 31

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Lock Box 43, Pittsburgh, Pa.

COMMITTEE ON SUSTENTATION.

Rev. M. W. JACOBUS, D.D., *Secretary*, 318 Ridge Street, Allegheny, Pa.

PASTORAL SUSTENTATION.

To aid the toiling pastors in the feeble churches, so as to keep them at their posts and prevent the serious loss suffered by frequent removals; to give them heart in their work amidst their discouragements; to save their reputation and influence, which are so often sacrificed in the community by debts necessarily contracted, and necessary to be paid; to give them wherewith to meet the butcher and the grocer with the gospel, without being answered by the law; to enable the father to support his son at the college and at the seminary, and to pay the bills for the daughter's education without being harassed by the demands, and charged with broken promises and bad faith; to meet the extra costs of sickness in the household, and of death and burial; that the pastor may pay his borrowed money and lift his note, and not be under protest and under foot among the people to whom he is sent as an ambassador of Christ—and at the same time to develop the beneficence of the feeble churches themselves—THIS IS OUR WORK. The Committee receives assurances of sympathy and proofs of growing interest, and promises of aid from an increasing number of churches. The means to anticipate receipts to some good extent are at length furnished, and they go forward in the faith of the beloved Master and Church that we serve, not doubting the power of those words upon the hearts of his people, "He that receiveth you receiveth me, and he that receiveth me receiveth Him that sent me. He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet, shall receive a prophet's reward."

We need most urgently \$25,000 to carry our pastors through the winter. Shall not all the churches and the individuals favored with the means aid in the good work promptly?

FROM THE FIELD.

—, Ohio, November 3, 1873.

Our church is feeling the benefit of this scheme. This church has been established over forty years. Always weak, they never had but two pastors, always depending upon stated supplies, and for years on Home Missionary aid. I have now been with the church nearly seven years. This is longer than any previous minister, and I could not have stayed had it not been for the aid of your Committee. I hope the Lord will raise up many friends in these trying times. My people are feeling the pressure very much.

—, Ohio.

Our church gave last year to the Boards \$154. This year, under the Sustentation Scheme, it gives \$427, which is more than we received from your Committee, —given back to the church.

RECEIPTS IN NOVEMBER 1873.

✠ Synods in SMALL CAPITALS—Presbyteries in *italics*—Churches in Roman.

ALBANY. — *Columbia* — Greenville 15. *Troy* — Waterford 23 44; Troy 1st 15 50; Fort Edward 7.
BALTIMORE. — *Baltimore* — Westminster 35 71. *New Castle* — Snow Hill 10.
CINCINNATI. — *Cincinnati* — Central, Cincinnati 156 29. *Dayton* — New Paris 7.
CLEVELAND. — *Cleveland* — Second ch, Cleveland 100. *Mahoning* — Youngstown 27 67.
COLUMBUS. — *Columbus* — Second ch, Columbus 72 44.
ERIE. — *Allegheny* — Freedom 4. *Shenango* — Mt Pleasant 15.
HARRISBURGH. — *Huntingdon* — Beulah 25; East Kishacoquillas 20.
ILLINOIS, NORTH. — *Ottawa* — Farm Ridge 13 50.
KENTUCKY. — *Transylvania* — Lebanon 10.
LONG ISLAND. — *Brooklyn* — Franklin Ave 10; Edgewater 36. *Nassau* — Newtown 34.
MICHIGAN. — *Detroit* — First ch, Detroit 105 58. *Monroe* — Tecumseh 15. *St Paul* — First ch Duluth 4 60.
MISSOURI. — *Palmyra* — Moberly 2 50.
NEW JERSEY. — *Monmouth* — Farmingdale 5. *Morris and Orange* — Madison 31 01. *West Jersey* — Fisherville 50. *New York* — Scotch ch 27!; *New York* ch 8. *North River* — Freedom Plain 10.

PACIFIC. — *Los Angeles* — Wilmington 66.
PHILADELPHIA. — *Philadelphia* — Westminster 25. *Philadelphia*, Central — Kensington 45. *Philadelphia* North — Doylestown 60.
UTICA. — *Binghamton* — Windser 13 50. *Syracuse* — Park 21; Marcellus 20.
WISCONSIN. — *Wisconsin River* — Rockville, Ger 50 cents.

COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE AND FINANCE 394 79.

MISCELLANEOUS. — Rev John S Gilmore, Titusville, N J 5 50; S W B 50; Ch of Berwick, Pa, 32 38; Ch of Shipman, Ill, 12 50; Ch of Guthrie and Dexter, 30; Ch of Leray Evans Mills, N Y, 55; Ch of Morristown, N Y, 31; Ch of Chestertown, N Y, 40; Ch of Rockford, &c, Minn, 28; Ch of Milford, N Y, 30; 3d German ch, Freeport, Ills 2 50; Ch of Fairbury, Ills 37 50; Ch of Bethlehem, Pa, 30; Ch of Oneida, Ill, 30; Ch of Lyons, Iowa 25; Ch of Osego, N Y, 25; Churches of Wapello and Foolsboro, Iowa 25.

Total Receipts, \$2192 05

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THE EFFECTS OF PRAYERFUL OFFERINGS.

"Let the Christian early form the habit of throwing his heart and his hand into the causes of Christian benevolence. Let him be ever looking for the opportunity to give largely according to his means, and effectively for the cause of Christ; and no law of Providence is surer than that that man will feel increasingly the presence of God's mighty forces of blessing in this world. Silently and strongly there will steal into his soul the quickening consciousness that he is a co-worker with God. He will walk as seeing Him who is invisible. He will live as multitudes around him never live, in a high fellowship with unseen powers. The changes of society, the rise and fall of nations, the events which make up human history, all have to him a divine side, a Christian meaning, that far transcends all their influence on matter and on time. His gifts come back to him in a mind enlarged, a vision cleared, an illumination of the Spirit, a comprehension of the things of God."—(W. H. Goodrich, D.D.)

RECEIPTS IN NOVEMBER 1873.

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 ☞ Distribution is made precisely as donors direct. Where no directions are given, the division is always made by the General Assembly's per centage.
 ☞ The contraction sp for special, designates offerings for but a part, and not for the whole work of the Church.

<p>BALTIMORE.—"C, Va" 50. <i>New Castle</i>—Wilmington Central 150. <i>Washington City</i>—Washington 1st 28 328 00</p> <p>CENTRAL NEW YORK.—<i>Binghamton</i>—Binghamton North 17 58. <i>Otsego</i>—Unadilla, sp 16 67. <i>Syracuse</i>—Syracuse 1st Ward 22 65; Liverpool 14 50 71 40</p> <p>CINCINNATI.—<i>Cincinnati</i>—Harrison 11</p> <p>CLEVELAND.—<i>Cleveland</i>—Willoughby 10; Rome 10; Kingsville 9 18; Grafton 2. <i>St Clairsville</i>—Kirkwood 37 46 86 64</p> <p>COLUMBUS.—<i>Columbus</i>—Grove City 3 42. <i>Wooster</i>—Fredericksburg 220 223 42</p> <p>ERIE.—<i>Clarion</i>—Beech Woods, sp 32 61; Maysville 9 68; Richardsville 15 67 57 96</p> <p>GENEVA.—<i>Genoa</i>—Genoa 2d, sp 10. <i>Chemung</i>—Watkins 31 25. <i>Stuben</i>—Arkport 30; Bath 125 06 196 31</p> <p>HARRISBURGH.—<i>Carlisle</i>—Fayetteville 76; Wells Valley, sp 12; Middletown 134. <i>Huntingdon</i>—Bedford, Rev. Robert F. Wilson and family 24 196 09</p> <p>ILLINOIS, CENTRAL.—<i>Bloomington</i>—Rev. E. Thompson and wife, sp 10; Urbana 62 47 72 47</p> <p>ILLINOIS, NORTH.—<i>Chicago</i>—Chicago 1st 674 75</p> <p>ILLINOIS, SOUTH.—<i>Alton</i>—Virden 27 10; Greenville 35 20. <i>Cairo</i>—Grand Tower, sp 10 72 30</p> <p>INDIANA, NORTH.—<i>Fort Wayne</i>—Pierceton ch and Sab-sch, sp 7. <i>Muncie</i>—Wabash (1 50 of which from Mrs. Ross' Sab-sch class) 45 30; Liberty, sp 13 20 65 50</p> <p>INDIANA, SOUTH.—<i>Indianapolis</i>—Indianapolis 2d 290; Columbus 9. <i>White Water</i>—Shelbyville 1st, sp 20 319 00</p> <p>IOWA, NORTH.—<i>Cedar Rapids</i>—Anamosa 1 46</p> <p>IOWA, SOUTH.—<i>Des Moines</i>—Albia, sp 11. <i>Iowa</i>—Keokuk 1st Westminster 153 20; Burlington, sp 163 23; Kossuth 21. <i>Iowa City</i>—Walcott 7 15; West Liberty 1 50; Cedar Valley 3 50 365 58</p> <p>KANSAS.—<i>Highland</i>—Hiawaha 6 26</p> <p>KENTUCKY.—<i>Louisville</i>—Louisville, Walnut St 33 35</p> <p>LONG ISLAND.—<i>Long Island</i>—Setauket, sp 15. <i>Nassau</i>—Huntington 2d 31 46 00</p> <p>MICHIGAN.—<i>Detroit</i>—Detroit Calvary 24 53</p> <p>MISSOURI.—<i>Potosi</i>—Irontdale 8. <i>St Louis</i>—St Louis 1st 160 168 00</p> <p>NEW JERSEY.—<i>Elizabeth</i>—Summit West 55 84; Pluckamin 19 54; Clarksville 20; Westfield 110; Elizabeth 3d 85 76; Summit Central, sp 23 27; Roselle 55 21. <i>Monmouth</i>—Cranberry 1st, sp 239 65. <i>Morris</i> and <i>Orange</i>—East Orange 136; Mendham 1st, sp 50 45. <i>Newark</i>—Calvary 58 55;</p>	<p>Park 44 10. <i>New Brunswick</i>—Stockton 24; Religious Contribution Socy of Princeton Theol Sem 128 23; Princeton, Witherspoon St, sp 10 50; Kingston 151. <i>West Jersey</i>—Cedarville 1st 200 1412 13</p> <p>New York.—<i>Hudson</i>—Washingtonville 2d (Sab-sch 8 97) 33 33; Damascus 50 cts; Cohecton 4; Hamptonburgh 41; Goodwill 70; Palmsades 8 43; Middletown 1st 36 69; Middle-town 2d, sp 107 63; West Town 17 09. <i>New York</i>—Fourth Ave 166 66; Phillips 29 50; Harlem, ch of the Puritans 50; Mrs Miles 5. <i>North River</i>—Newburgh Union, sp 23 07; Rondout 110 79. <i>Westchester</i>—Port Chester 40 743 69</p> <p>PHILADELPHIA.—<i>Chester</i>—New London 50. <i>Lackawanna</i>—Wilkesbarre, sp 12 of which from Coal Brook Sab-sch, 239 80; "The Lord's Due" 2. <i>Lehigh</i>—Shenandoah 6 25; Weatherly, sp 9. <i>Philadelphia</i>, Central—Tioga St 50 337 05</p> <p>PITTSBURGH.—<i>Pittsburgh</i>—Lebanon 92 35; East Liberty 146 52. <i>Redstone</i>—Mt Pleasant 15 64; Mt Pleasant Reunion 26 05. <i>Washington</i>—Wheeling 4th 5 75 286 31</p> <p>TOLEDO.—<i>Bellefontaine</i>—Bucyrus, sp 16. <i>Lima</i>—Delphos (Sab-sch) 2 80. <i>Mumee</i>—Hicksville 15 73; Union 8 75; Antwerp, sp 4; Weston 18 50; Toledo Westminster 80 25 151 75</p> <p>WESTERN NEW YORK.—<i>Buffalo</i>—Buffalo Central, sp 150. <i>Genesee Valley</i>—Cuba, sp 35. <i>Niagara</i>—Wilson (Sab-sch) 15 29. <i>Rochester</i>—Rochester Central 240 454 00</p> <p>WISCONSIN.—<i>Milwaukee</i>—Ottawa 8; Delafield 5 85. <i>Wisconsin River</i>—Middleton 10; Prairie du Sac 25 25 282 10</p>
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